



# Child Well-Being Coalition

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*“We have no financial interests  
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# Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the history and current activities of the Child Well-Being Coalition
2. Identify activities of the Child Well-Being Coalition that could benefit CATCH attendees
3. Encourage CATCH attendees to join Coalition

# South Carolina Child Well-Being Coalition

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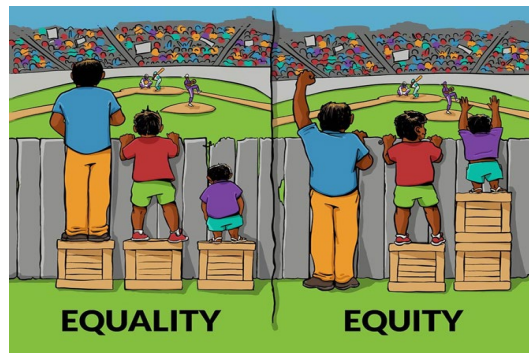
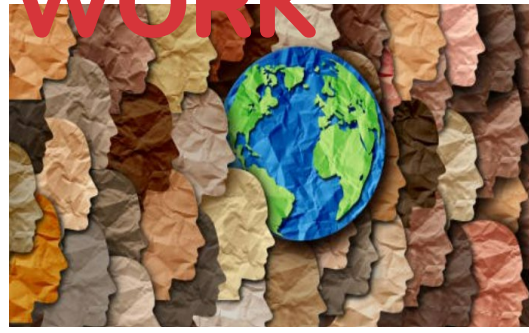


# Child Well-Being Coalition: Brief History

- **2015-2017:** Title V Needs Assessment noted need for helping groups working on child-well-being issues to “find common ground” to work toward alleviation of disparities among children in SC. Five large domains were identified: community, health, education, economy, and family.
- **2018 – 2019:** Coalition established, led by Children’s Trust, Chaired by Dr. Christine Turley Working groups and their projects included:
  - Health Workgroup: posters to inform parents about quality well child visits
  - Education Workgroup (Chair: Rebecca Williams-Agee): cultural competency training on implicit bias training for teachers to target disparities in preschool suspension and expulsion
  - Community-Economy Workgroup (Co-Chairs: Michael Shirley and Ayanna White): increase participation rates in WIC to target food insecurity (Oconee County in partnership with United Way)
- **2020:** Transitioned to SC DHEC under the leadership of MCH, Co-Chaired by Dr. Janice Key and Linda Brees
  - Changed to virtual meetings of Core Team with attendees specific to topic
- **2021:** 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and reorganization: “a group of local and state agencies, community members and organizations committed to improving well-being outcomes of all SC children”

# VALUES THAT STRENGTHEN OUR WORK

Cultural Competence  
Strengthening Families  
Prevention  
Equity



# AREAS OF IMPACT

Using research and data to identify and measure what works.



**Developmental Screening**



**Child Safety**



**Childhood Obesity**





# Current Activities

- Webinars: “How Are The Children” lunch-and-learn webinars initiated 8/2020
- Monthly Newsletters
- Support of relevant grant applications
- Targeted efforts to address specific needs
  - Developmental Screening
  - Child Safety
  - Childhood Obesity





# “How Are The Children”

**Lunch and Learn Series designed to bring relevant information on the state of child well-being in SC to stakeholders regarding various topics**

8/14/20 Back to School Choices During COVID-19

11/12/21 The State of Childhood Behavioral & Mental Health  
Part 1

2/11/22 The State of Childhood Behavioral & Mental Health  
Part 2

5/13/22 100 Deadliest Days of Summer

9/9/22 Adolescent Suicide Prevention



# Child Well-Being Coalition Newsletter

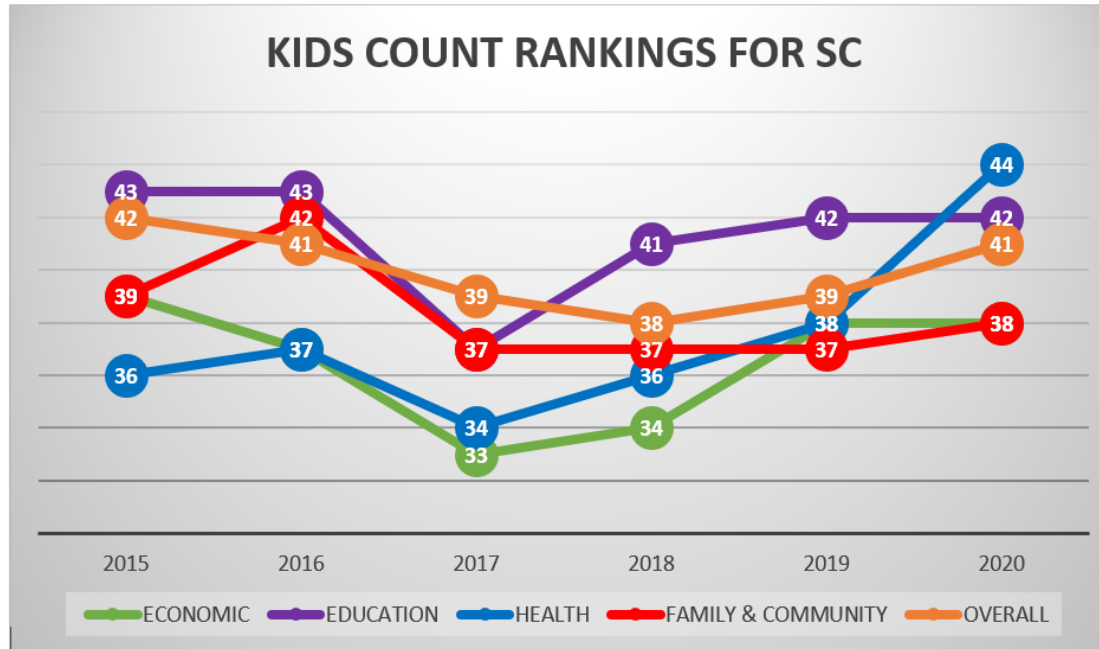
- Initiated 10/2021
- Published monthly
- Contents:
  - Coalition activities
  - Upcoming events related to Child Well-being in SC
  - Invitation to “How Are The Children” lunch and learn webinars
  - Information about grant opportunities



# Developmental Screening

- Key partners invited to Core Team meetings to share their expertise and insight
- Developmental Screening Gap Analysis currently out for bids
- Expansion and implementation of the CDC Milestone Tracker tools
- Partnering with other Developmental Screening organizations to assist with the development of a statewide registry

# Child Safety



SC Health variables that worsened in 2020:

Child and teen deaths/100,000                      2010 = 32 (US = 26) vs 2018 = 33 (US = 25)

Child and teen overweight and obesity (%)                      2016 = 33% (US = 31%) vs 2018 = 36% (US = 31%)



# Child Safety

## Injury Prevention, Firearm safety

- Key partners invited to Core Team meetings to share their expertise and insight
  - Analysis of SC injury data
- Gun lock distribution in support of health care provider education
  - > 1,500 locks distributed
    - SCMA with BeSmart presentation 2022
    - SC AAP with CWBC display 2022
    - CATCH 2023
  - Outcome evaluation



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### VALUES THAT STRENGTHEN OUR WORK

**Cultural Competence**

We will ensure our work meets the social, cultural, linguistic, and geographic needs of children.

**Strengthening Families**

We will work to create learning opportunities and improve the quality and availability of existing multi-generational services to help families build protective factors that mitigate and eliminate risk and enhance well-being.

**Prevention**

We will use a multidisciplinary systematic approach to help leverage resources and services to improve child well-being across South Carolina.

**Equity**

We recognize that disparities exist and thus will target strategies to achieve universal goals for all children.

# Contact us at [CWBC@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:CWBC@dhec.sc.gov)

Thank you!

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