

Investing in Kids – Investing in South Carolina’s Future

All Kids Deserve A Strong Start.

By age 5, a child’s brain is already nearly completely developed, yet two out of five American children are not enrolled in preschool.

The Problem.

In South Carolina, 59 percent of children did not attend preschool between 2011 and 2013, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Without access to high-quality early learning programs, children fall behind. Many never catch up.

The Solution.

Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is calling on elected leaders to prioritize a child’s early years and give all kids a bright future. We want to enact smart policies that ensure more children have access to high-quality early education programs.

Save the Children’s core programs in South Carolina include:

- **The Early Steps to School Success Program:** Designed to assist children, from prenatal to age 5, with language, social and emotional development; to equip parents with the skills and knowledge to successfully support their child’s growth; and to develop strong home-school connections.
- **The Literacy Program:** Provides children in kindergarten through sixth grade with the opportunity to increase their reading achievement by supplying the tools they need to develop reading skills and the guidance and support they need to grow as readers.

How We’re Investing in South Carolina’s Children

- Mobilizing voters to take bold action to hold our policy makers and presidential hopefuls accountable to children.
 - Advocating for initiatives and legislation at the state and national level that promote children’s well-being.
- Partnering with 15 communities in 6 counties, serving more than 5,500 children.

We are also advocating for local expansion of “Pay for Success” funding for early childhood education for at-risk children.

About Us.

Founded by Save the Children in 2014, Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is the political voice for kids. We believe that every child deserves the best start in life. As the political advocacy arm of Save the Children, we’re building bipartisan will and voter support to make sure every child in the U.S. has access to high-quality early learning and that no mother or child around the globe dies from a preventable disease or illness. By investing in kids and holding leaders accountable, we are helping kids from birth to age five survive and thrive.

