



Childcare Data Report for 29644

The Need:

Greenville County is a community of 35,700 children ages 0-5 (Annie E Casey), with nearly 16,000 children living in poverty (Census), and is experiencing a childcare crisis.

Greenville County has 216 registered childcare providers, including 47 faith-based programs, 60 home-based childcare providers, 100 nonprofit and for-profit childcare facilities, and 9 government-based providers with a total county-wide capacity of 24,000 children. Greenville County is projected to experience a population growth of 220,000 additional residents by 2045, including a projected additional 15,000 children ages 0-5.

Based on childcare usage projections, Greenville First Steps and SEARCHlight project an additional 8,000 childcare slots need to be added by 2040 to keep up with projected growth. Full-day, week-long care is particularly needed for children aged 6 weeks to 24 months.

The Opportunity:

As a component of the strategies to address Greenville County needs, a coalition of community leaders including SEARCHlight, Greenville First Steps, United Way of Greenville County, and Greenville Chamber of Commerce proposes developing a cohort of new church-based sites to offer infant, toddler, and childcare throughout or community.

Benefits of faith-based childcare:

- Offering safe, affordable, accessible childcare for church and neighborhood families to ensure families can return to work.
- Increase exposure of your services within the community - 70% of faith-based childcare providers report that families who participate in childcare are more likely to participate in other church-based activities.
- Build connections between families served in childcare and other church services - Existing churches that offer weekday childcare report an increase in the size of the congregation after opening childcare.

“At first, our center was only serving church-based families, but as the program grew, we found more and more families joining the church because of the relationships that were being built through the center.”

- Rachel, faith-based childcare director in Greenville.

29644 represents communities categorized as childcare deserts.

29644 Data

Total Population: 22,357

Total children under 6: 1,270
(US Census Data)

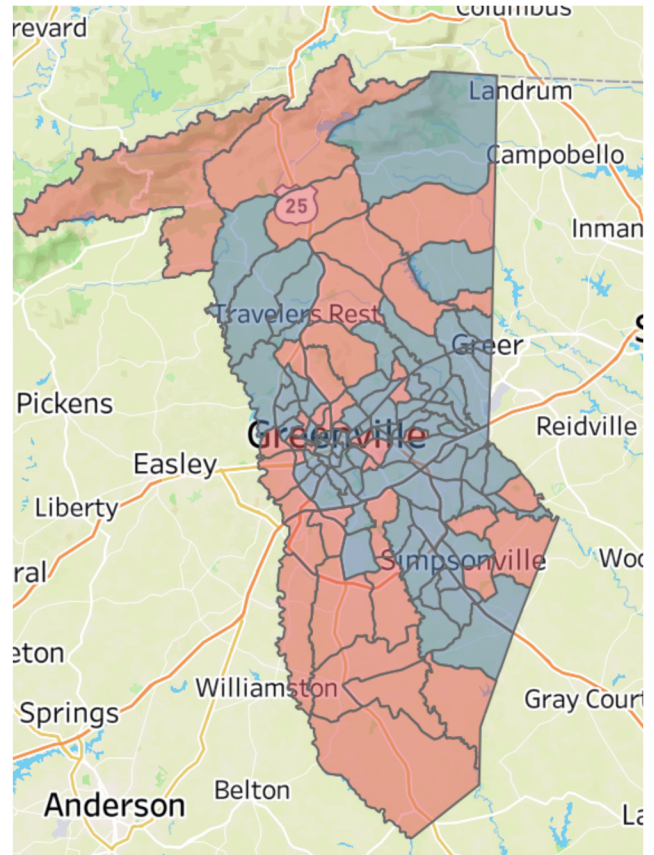
Total # registered childcare providers: 4
Capacity of those childcare providers: 339
(SC DSS Data)

Estimated unmet need in 29644
Infants/toddlers (0-24 months): 163
Preschool (36-60 months): 324

Childcare Desert?

Yes=Blue. Represents census tracts with fewer than 1
childcare spot per 5 children.

No=Orange. One childcare spot per 5 children or
better.



Support Systems:

1. **Greenville First Steps** can assist with program development, including embedding early literacy and parenting supports within the childcare program (www.GreenvilleFirstSteps.org). Can assist with the identification of potential start-up grants and ongoing operational cost support.
2. **Palmetto Shared Services Alliance** can assist with back office supports, program design and implementation, including connections with potential program partners, family and staff recruitment. (PalmettoServices.org)
3. **SC First Steps** can assist with client recruitment, including providing access to long-term 4K subsidies (PalmettoPreK.org)

SEARCHlight, a group of retired professionals, is partnering with Greenville First Steps with support from the United Way of Greenville County, United Ministries, and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce to expand access to quality childcare in Greenville County.