

**GREENVILLE'S
CHILDCARE CRISIS:**

**FAITH-BASED
SOLUTIONS**

Presented by: SEARCHlight and Greenville First Steps

WELCOME PRAYER

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ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- United Way of Greenville County
- Greenville First Steps
- United Ministries
- Greenville Chamber of Commerce
- Palmetto Shared Services Alliance
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church

OUR GOALS FOR TODAY:

- Describe the need for quality childcare in our community
- Provide an example of a church/community partnership
- Learn about opportunities for churches to support working families
- Explore resources available to help your team in the discernment and planning phase
- Opportunity for questions

WELCOME

BILL KAISER, SEARCHLIGHT TEAM

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.

CHURCH STREET PLACE



VIDEO



CHILDCARE LANDSCAPE

DEREK LEWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GREENVILLE FIRST STEPS

THREE MOST RELIABLE PREDICTORS OF EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS

1. Exposure to books and early learning resources
2. Safe, stable, nurturing home environment
3. Access to safe, reliable quality childcare

BENEFITS OF CHILDCARE

- Families return to work
- Children develop socialization skills
- Children strengthen early literacy skills
- Safe, comfortable environment for children

INFANT/TODDLER

CHILDCARE NEEDS

BASED ON CURRENT
CHILDCARE UTILIZATION
ESTIMATES

4,000

1,500

2,500

VS

INFANT/TODDLER
SLOTS NEEDED IN
GREENVILLE COUNTY

INFANT/TODDLER
FULL PAY SLOTS

INFANT/TODDLER
SUBSIDIZED SLOTS

BASED ON 2040 GROWTH
PROJECTIONS:

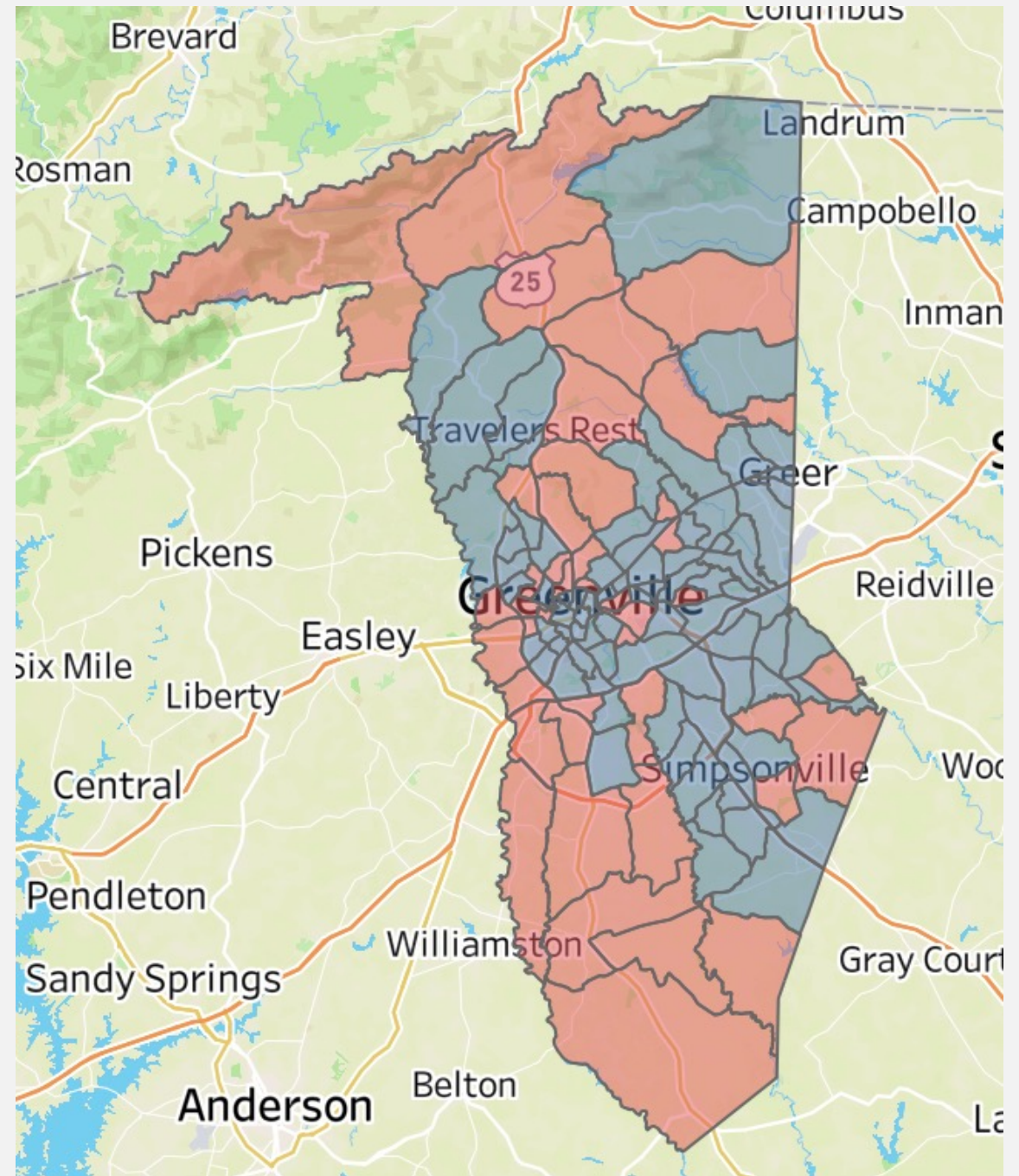
6,400

2,400

4,000



GREENVILLE COUNTY CHILDCARE DESERTS



GOAL: By 2040, 4,250 additional childcare slots in Greenville County

50 new home-based childcare providers	250 children
10 new church based childcare providers	1,000 children
50 childcare providers increase capacity by 25%	1,500 children
10 new for-profit childcare providers	1,000 children
10 employers offer onsite childcare	500 children

WAYS CHURCHES CAN HELP

1. Consider **opening** a childcare center.
2. Consider **expanding** your existing childcare space to accommodate more infants and toddlers
3. Contribute to the **Early Childhood fund**
4. Provide **mentors** to help other churches in the discernment and implementation phase

CHURCH/CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP

REV. MATT KING & MANDY ANDERSON
AUGUSTA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

RESOURCES

DEREK LEWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREENVILLE FIRST STEPS

WEBSITE

www.GreenvilleFirstSteps.org/childcare

Live now!



OPTION 1:
OPENING CHILDCARE ON CHURCH SITE

Options:

1. Run in-house with church staff
2. Lease to an established childcare provider
3. Contract with SHARE Head Start

OPTION 1: OPENING CHILDCARE ON CHURCH SITE

- Benefits of church-based on-site childcare:
 1. Help serve the existing church community
 2. Help to expand the reach of the church into the neighboring community
 3. Provide Christian education during formative years
 4. Strengthen relationships with childcare families and church community
 5. Help families return to work by employing them in the center

OPTION 2:
EXPANDING EXISTING ON-SITE CHILDCARE

1. Is the site at capacity?
2. Is the site offering Infant/Toddler care?
3. Is the site operating M-F 6 am-6 pm?
4. Could the site offer third-shift services?
5. Could the site offer subsidized care
(DSS Scholarships, SC First Steps 4k)

OPTION 3: CONTRIBUTE TO CHILDCARE LOAN FUND

- To launch April 2024
- Churches and Nonprofits can request a 0% loan for one-time start-up costs (e.g., facility needs, playground, equipment, materials)
- Funds will be awarded based on “projected to serve” and capacity
- Entity will repay 0% loans
- When enrollment benchmarks are hit, payments may be “forgiven”

<https://www.GreenvilleFirstSteps.org/donate>



OPTION 4: PROVIDE MENTORS FOR NEW SITES

Childcare directors and owners will assist new sites:

- Developing business plan
- Making contact with CCR&R and DSS
- Pre-visit consultation
- Help develop registration forms
- Help develop recruitment efforts
- Assist with Lease options

Current mentors include leadership staff from:

- Aldersgate UMC
- Brookwood Church
- Furman University
- Goddard School
- Little Folks at Fourth (Fourth Presbyterian)
- Little Learners
- Little Wonders
- Park Place Children's Center
- Primrose School: Midtown
- Primrose School: Simpsonville
- Rocky Creek Christian Academy
- Small Impressions
- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- YMCA of Greenville

OTHER PARTNERS

- Palmetto Shared Services Alliance
- SC Department of Social Services
- SC Childcare Resource and Referral
- Greenville First Steps
- SC First Steps 4K services
- SHARE HeadStart

QUESTIONS?

NEXT STEPS