

EPWORTH TODAY

Epworth Children's Home 2024



EVERY CHILD IS A MIRACLE

- Since it was founded in 1896, Epworth has believed that every child is a miracle and should be treated as such. Currently, Epworth is serving more than 1,200 children and families across South Carolina in a variety of ways.
- Through the decades, as our society's understanding about child welfare has evolved – Epworth has grown and adapted. We are a well-rounded, faith inspired, evidence-based nonprofit that advocates for the most vulnerable children and families.



HISTORY OF EPWORTH



- The Methodist people of South Carolina established Epworth Orphanage in 1896.
- In the beginning, the children who came to live at Epworth were primarily from broken family systems and difficult circumstances.
- Today, not only children, but moms, and young adults come to live at Epworth for the same reasons. In addition, we help families heal and stay together through an array of non-residential services.



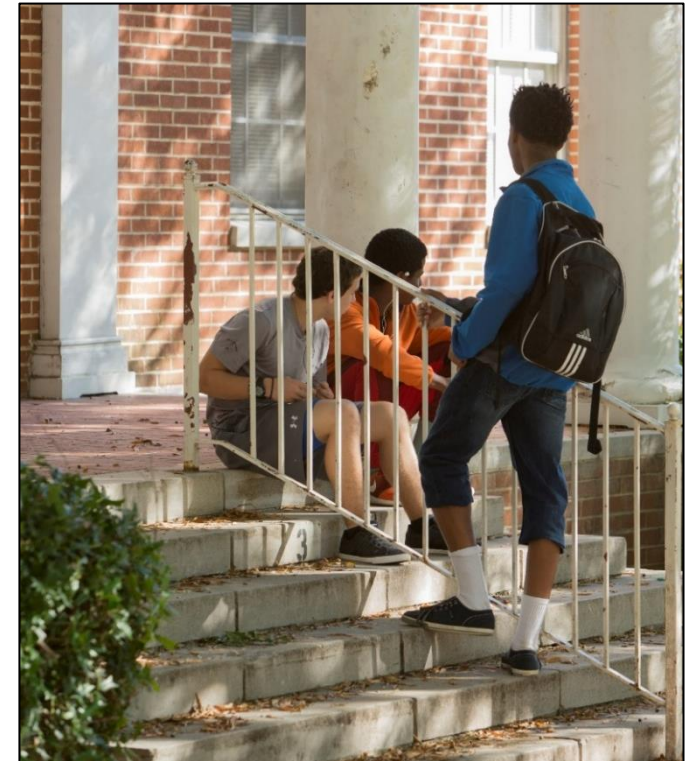
RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS IN COLUMBIA

A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE HOME FOR CHILDREN AGES 12-18

Epworth's oldest residential program accepts children ages 12-18 through public and private placements. Our 32-acre, nine-cottage campus on Millwood Avenue in Columbia provides a safe space for these children to call home while receiving comprehensive care and support. Children live with staff members round-the-clock in gender-specific cottages with other children their age.

Focus:

- Educational
- Spiritual
 - Mental
- Recreational



EPWORTH'S INSTITUTE FOR CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING

In addition to Epworth's traditional residential campus in Columbia, additional services are organized under the umbrella of Epworth's Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing. The Institute is comprised of six Centers of Excellence, each targeting specific, urgent needs of vulnerable families and children in South Carolina.



THE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE



- The Center for **Independent Living**
- The Epworth **Early Intervention** Center
- The Epworth Center for **Counseling**
- The Epworth **Family Care** Center
- The Center for **Family Engagement**
- The Center for **Family Empowerment**

THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AND TRANSITIONAL INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER: **YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-25**

- Residents must be enrolled in higher education, working full-time or enlisted in the military.
- Located on the 19-acre Trenholm Road Campus
- Residents learn life skills like money management that help them save and plan for their independence.
- Serves young people who have aged out of foster care, completed time in juvenile detention, or experienced difficult life circumstances.

Life Skills Include:

Self-awareness
Empathy
Critical thinking
Creative thinking
Decision making
Problem solving
Effective communication
Interpersonal relationship
Coping with stress
Coping with emotions
Spiritual formation

THE EPWORTH EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER: CHILDREN UP TO 5 YEARS OF AGE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- Accommodates children with a range of developmental delays, and/or disabilities and provides information and significant support for their families.



Focus:
Preschool
Home-based
Early Intervention
Cooperative
Respite

THE CENTER FOR COUNSELING: OUTPATIENT COUNSELING FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULTS



- Locations in Columbia and Anderson
- Community referrals welcomed
- Licensed and trained therapists who specialize in treating mental, behavioral, and substance use concerns
- Parenting classes (for all parents, including fosters)
- Individual, family, and group therapy
- Telehealth available
- Medicaid accepted



THE FAMILY CARE CENTER: MOMS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND THEIR CHILDREN

- The only program of its kind in South Carolina.
- Mothers and their children live together in the FCC cottage on Epworth's Trenholm Road campus.
- The goal is to prevent children from having to go into foster care.
- Issues of addiction, abuse, neglect, trauma, parenting skills and child development are addressed through counseling, education and training as a family unit.
- Substance use disorder treatment offered in partnership with LRADAC.
- Holistic approach results in more successful recoveries and family preservation.

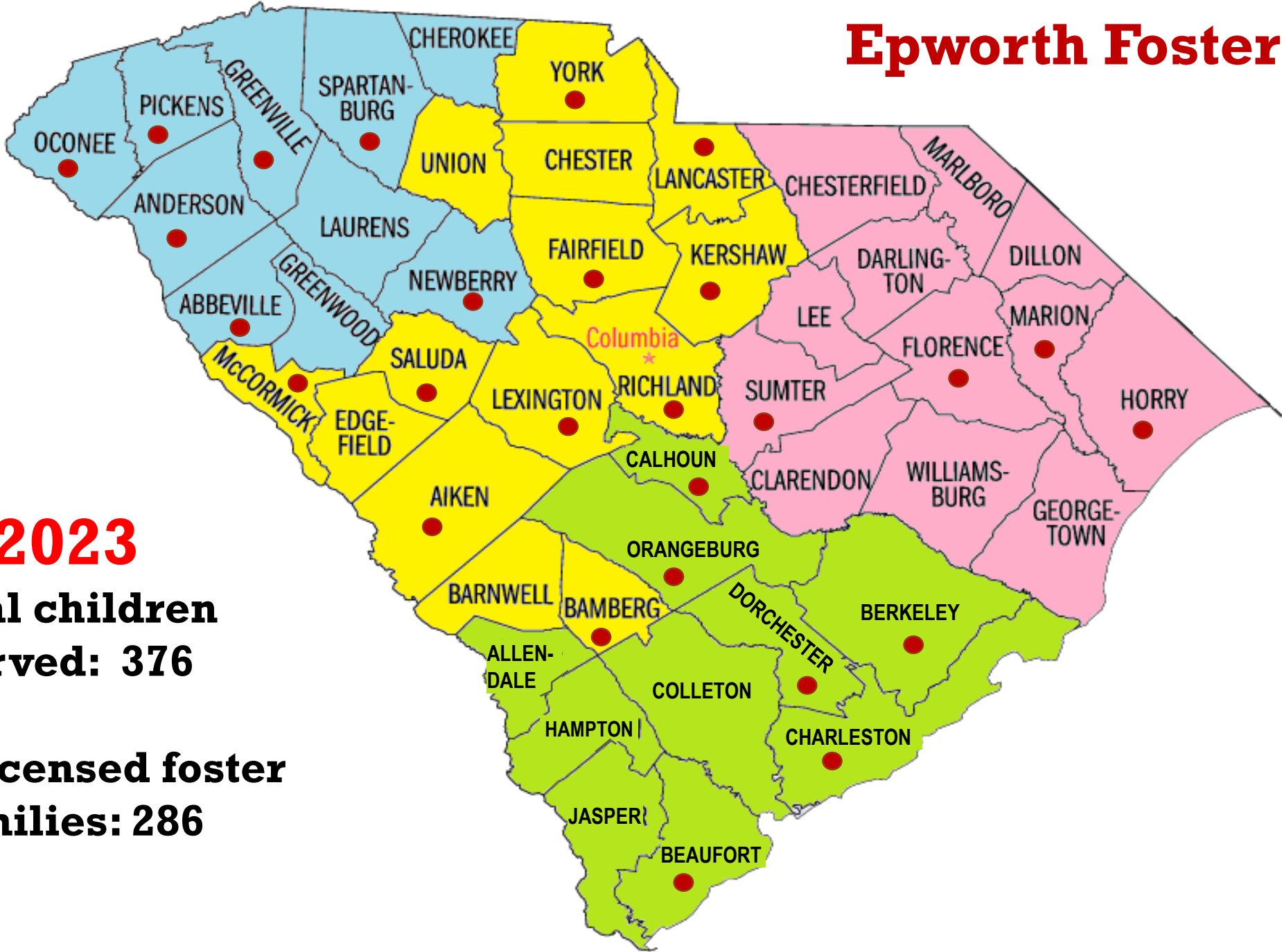


THE CENTER FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: **FOSTER CARE**

- Epworth licenses individuals and married couples across South Carolina for both family foster care and therapeutic foster care.
- Offices in Columbia, Greenville, Rock Hill, Charleston, Hilton Head, and Florence.
- Foster families benefit from proven, research-based training and around-the-clock support from Epworth foster care staff.



Epworth Foster Care



2023

Total children served: 376

Total licensed foster families: 286



HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN?

From Epworth Foster Families



THE CENTER FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: A NETWORK OF SUPPORT FOR FOSTER PARENTS

Epworth provides tremendous support to their foster parents including:

- Church support network
- Resource closets
- Foster parent support groups
- Foster care referral bonus
- Tutoring services
- Access to Epworth's other programs – like the Early Intervention Center and Center for Counseling



THE CENTER FOR FAMILY EMPOWERMENT: **CIRCLE OF PARENTS®**

- Epworth is the lead agency for Circle of Parents® in South Carolina
- A mutual self-help group
- Parent-led and facilitated
- Children's curriculum included



THE CENTER FOR FAMILY EMPOWERMENT: **HOMEBUILDERS®**

- Epworth is also home to HOMEBUILDERS®
- For families who have children at imminent risk of placement in state-funded care
- Intensive, in-home crisis intervention
- Counseling
- Life skills education



EPWORTH INTENSIVE IN-HOME SERVICES: SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES INVOLVED WITH DSS

Focus:

Family and individual
therapy
Family support
Behavior modification
Psychosocial
Rehabilitation
Crisis management

- A 4-6-month program that provides services and support to families who are involved with the S.C. Department of Social Services.
- Works with families to improve parenting, communication, and coping skills through in-home counseling and additional behavioral health services.

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

SERVING FAMILIES FOSTERING A RELATIVE



- When parents can't meet a child's basic needs, relatives or family friends often step in to care for the child.
- Epworth's program offers case management support and training to help licensed kinship care families meet the needs of the child
- Epworth also offers resources like a clothing and supply closet to make fostering more affordable.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Become a foster parent
- Start a foster care ministry at your church
- Donate to Epworth
- Volunteer
- Host a supply drive
- Refer friends or church members to the Center for Counseling
- Participate in *Christmas With Epworth*
- Join a foster parent support network
- Offer a Circle of Parents to families in your community
- Host a *Parents Night Out* for local foster families



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