



Collaborating Agencies

Newberry Literacy Council
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SC Teen Pregnancy Prevention
803-771-7700

Newberry County Library
803-276-0854

Workforce Investment Agency
803-276-2110

Newberry County Department of Social
Services
803-321-2155

Newberry Health Department
803-321-2170

Newberry County Law Enforcement
803-321-2211

Newberry City Law Enforcement
803-321-1010

Newberry Fire Department
803-276-2507

Newberry Disabilities and Special Needs
803-276-0078

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Newberry County School District

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Newberry County First Steps
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Newberry County Memorial Hospital
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Newberry County Young Parents
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Newberry
Family
Literacy
*School District of
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Bright Beginnings Families

Parents who have not received their GED or high school diploma can attend our Adult Ed center while their children attend our Child Development Center on the Adult Ed campus. The name of our center is Bright Beginnings Child Development Center. Parents are required to attend the same hours as their children do. The children have to be at least three years old and potty trained. Parents are offered Adult Education, ESL, computer, and work for core classes. If these families have children younger than three, part-time child care vouchers may be provided for these children by one of our partners. There is no charge for the child to attend our center if the parent is attending school. In the center, there are two certified teachers that provide enriching educational instruction for the children and parents. They attend class from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Class is extended for parents and children to have individual time to work with the teachers on the specific needs of their children on a regular basis. These families also receive home visits just like the teens. They also have monthly parent cafés (group meetings/parenting meetings) on site. Parents may attend evening sessions at Adult Ed on Monday and Tuesday. The public is invited to attend the parenting sessions at no cost.

Vision Statement: *"Our vision is that all families in Newberry County will have the parenting and literacy skills needed to promote education and life values so all children become productive and moral citizens."*

Teen parents are provided with prenatal and parent education and information regarding their child's development in the home. Certified parent educators interact with the parent and child in their natural setting to better serve the unique needs of the family and provide developmental information and support to them. Age-appropriate books and materials are given to the families during each of these visits. Developmental assessments for the child are provided as well. Prenatal and parenting sessions are also offered at school that address the needs of teen parents and strengthens parenting skills in a supportive group setting. Childcare may also be provided for the children of these teens as long as the teens adhere to the guidelines set forth by our program by one of our partners. The parent selects a local childcare facility for their child. These students also participate in the parent café (parenting/group sessions) that are open to the community.

Mission Statement: *"Our mission is to empower parents in Newberry County to make significant and sustainable changes in their lives through education, collaboration, and provision of opportunities and resources."*

Services

* **Toy and Book Lending Library** of parenting books, resource materials, and children's books.

- **Free** pamphlets and brochures.
- **Consultation** with a certified family educator.
- **Information** about how to prepare your child for school.
- **Home visitation** programs for both English and Spanish-speaking families including programs for expectant parents and teens.
- **Family Literacy** program including on-site Adult Education, ESL classes, Early Childhood Education, Parent Education, and Parent and Child Activities.
- **Parent Cafés (Parent Discussion Groups and Workshops).** These meetings strengthen parenting skills through information and discussion on topics of interest.
- **Monthly** evening and/or morning workshops. Free childcare during workshops and classes.
- **Resources and referrals** to assist families in meeting their individual needs.
- **On-line Newsletters** in both English and Spanish.
- **Developmental assessments** for program children.

Visit our website at

<https://www.newberry.k12.sc.us/o/sdnc/page/newberry-parenting-family-literacy-home>