

Carolina Health Centers

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Mission: It is our mission to provide affordable, high-quality, primary healthcare to each person we serve. Everyone deserves a medical home where they are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion.

Geographic area covered: Greenwood & Abbeville Counties

Services Provided:

Healthy Families America

- This home visitation program promotes positive parenting and child health and development, thereby preventing child abuse, neglect, and other poor childhood outcomes.

Healthy Steps for Young Children

- Office visits delivered by a Healthy Steps Specialist coincide with well-child pediatric visits to foster safe and healthy growth and development of children ages birth to three years. Healthy Steps is for first time parents to help promote family strengthening; promote positive parent-child interactions; and increase parent knowledge and skill in the area of child rearing, behavior management, child development and communication. Children receive regular screenings to detect and address child developmental delays. The mothers receive screening to detect and address postpartum depression. Families are connected to community resources as needed.

Nurse-Family Partnership

- Registered nurses (BSN) deliver the support needed for first-time moms to have a healthy pregnancy, to be responsive and responsible parents, and to give their children a great start in life. Visits are in the home and scheduled at the convenience of the moms. Services are provided for moms in Greenwood, Abbeville, McCormick, Saluda and Edgefield counties.

Reach Out and Read

- Makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care, so that children grow up with books and a love of reading. Reach Out and Read reinforces the parent's role as the first and most important teacher, and gives parents the tools and techniques to help their children succeed. It is provided to parents of children who are six months to five years of age.

Parents as Teachers

- Parents as Teachers aims to increase parent knowledge of early knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and

neglect, and increase children's school readiness and school success. Home visitors begin to work with parents with a newborn and follow up to age three. Children and families that are young, single, lower income are priority; however older moms, married and having other children can also be served. The PAT model has four components that are required to provide: (1) one-on-one personal home visits, (2) group connections (or meetings), (3) health and developmental screenings for children, and (4) linkages and connections for families to needed resources.