



What is STRONG COMMUNITIES?

STRONG COMMUNITIES is a comprehensive community initiative in southern Greenville County and adjoining communities in Anderson and Laurens Counties to keep kids safe. STRONG COMMUNITIES relies on the entire community - individuals, families, and community institutions, such as churches and other religious fellowships, neighborhood associations, civic clubs, businesses, fire and police departments, and schools - to watch out for and care about children and families when they have a reason to celebrate, grieve, or worry.

What are FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTERS?

Check out Family Activity Centers (FACs) in your community! These centers are located in local churches, schools, fire stations, and other neighborhood sites. FACs provide family activities and support for families with young children. FACs are still in development. Among the activities that are available at a local FAC are:

- **Kids and Families Play Groups** - Let your kids play while you meet and socialize with other parents. A great way to get to know parents' kids the same age as yours!
- **Parents' Night Out** -Need a break or just want a night out? Parents' night out is for you. Supervised child care will be available to engage your toddlers, preschoolers and elementary age children in activities while you get away.
- **Parent-Child Activities** -Spend time with your preschool and kindergarten-age child in various activities like scrap booking, hiking, and making crafts.
- **Financial Education and Counseling** -Need help with budgeting, planning for a home purchase, or career planning? Attend a workshop, or obtain advice from a professional in financial services.
- **Chat with a Family Advocate** - Need help finding resources or services? A trained family advocate will be available to help you find the service that will most appropriately meet your family's needs.

In addition to these core activities, FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTERS also include other opportunities and resources that may be beneficial to families with young children such as support groups for caregivers, parent education opportunities and special events.

Family Activity Center Highlight:

"Chat with a Family Advocate" provides a welcoming community environment for families to ask for help and support in dealing with difficult situations they may be facing. Family Advocates can support the family through problem solving based on the unique strengths and interests of the family. A Family Advocate can provide guidance and assistance in connecting with the supports and services available in the community and offer friendly counsel.

Strong Families

Family Activity Centers