



2020
ANNUAL REPORT



> Letter from the CEO



Dear reader,

For 26 years the goal of this organization has been to advocate for adolescent reproductive health. Whether you best know us as Fact Forward, the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, or the South Carolina Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, since the beginning our main purpose has been to improve the health and economic well-being of young people and communities.

2020 made our mission more interesting than ever as the pandemic compounded persistent challenges. Even as the grip of COVID-19 eases, the people and communities we work with continue to deal with its lasting effects. How do educators persevere after a year of disarray? How do trusted-adults communicate with young people after a pandemic? How do healthcare providers continue effective telehealth appointments?

We may not have all these answers, but Fact Forward is committed to continuing to support and work with educators, parents, healthcare providers and all youth-serving professionals as we navigate a new normal. Fact Forward will remain focused on providing resources, training, and space for these individuals to learn and grow.

Our hope is that through the 2020 annual report, supporters like you can feel our commitment to helping young people and their communities thrive. We know that adolescent reproductive health is just a piece of the puzzle when it comes to having healthy communities, but we believe that it's a crucial one.

It has been and always will be the collective efforts of partners, advocates, and stakeholders that advance adolescent reproductive health. For Fact Forward, this is a cornerstone of what we do. We look forward to another year of advancing adolescent reproductive health, together.

E.A. "Beth" De Santis, MSN Chief Executive Officer

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Who we Are

Leading with the Facts.

Fact Forward strives to build and maintain an organization where our staff and board share a common passion, commitment, and pride in the work they do. New people bring fresh perspectives, ideas, and solutions. In 2020, we moved that needle forward through new board members and new roles.

Mission:

Fact Forward's mission is to improve the health and economic well-being of individuals, communities, the state of South Carolina, and beyond by preventing teen pregnancy and advancing adolescent reproductive health.

New board member



Rev. Dr. Terry Alexander

New Hire 2020

- Brittany Sydnor
Health Communications Specialist

Staff Promotions 2020

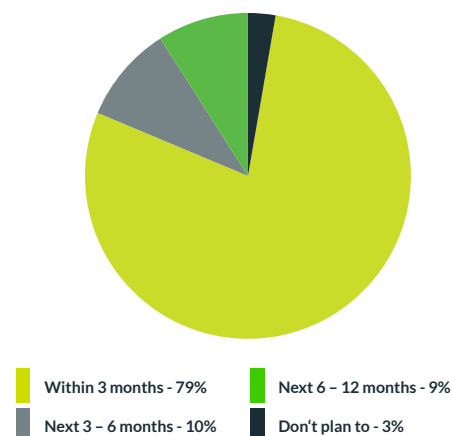
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2020 Training Evaluation

In 2020, Fact Forward provided 12 trainings throughout the year. There were six in-person and six virtual trainings. We had 95 participants complete a survey for all trainings this year.

Quick Stats	Total Participants 95	
	In-Person 56	Virtual 39
In-person trainings: 6 / Virtual trainings: 6		
First time attendees	71%	44%
Agree the content met their expectations	89%	95%
Agree the activities will be useful in their work	93%	97%
Agree the activities were useful in building their skills	93%	90%
Think the teaching methods were effective	93%	100%
Feel their knowledge & skills in the course content increased due to the training	86%	97%
Feel competent to implement the knowledge & skills learned at the training	95%	97%
Think the training was either good or excellent	98%	100%
Would recommend this training to others	79%	77%

When Participants Plan to Implement Their Learned Skills



Fact Forward's strategic commitments are to Increase Engagement to maximize impact, Impact Systems to create sustainable change, Push Innovation to respond to a changing environment, and Be Accountable to our mission and best practices.

"I enjoyed this training and think it would be **great to use Zoom in the future** as well, post COVID-19. It would be great to give people the option of attending virtually if they are unable to attend a training."

"Training was great. I loved the breakout groups, **it made me feel comfortable** to talk to the group as a whole."

"Trainer has a **wonderful training style**. I especially liked their use of personal examples. Very helpful, thank you!"

"I will be facilitating groups of my own and I think this training gave me the knowledge of knowing how to **set the tone and enter those difficult conversations**."



27

Trainings /webinars/
learning sessions



439

Attendees



845

CEU Hours to a total of
357 Participants

Reaching Communities Through New Projects

In 2020, Fact Forward received two grants from the Office of Population Affairs (OPA) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Fact Forward received funding for “Optimally Changing the Map for Teen Pregnancy through Replication of Programs (Tier 1)” and for “Innovation and Impact Network Grants: Achieving Optimal Health and Preventing Teen Pregnancy in Key Priority Areas. (Tier 2)” Both grants started in July 2020 with a three-year project period.



Fact Forward's Tier 1 funded project *Expanding Opportunities for Teen Mothers and Families in South Carolina*, aims to reduce rapid repeat pregnancies (i.e., a pregnancy within two years of last pregnancy), sexually transmitted infections, and improve economic stability among teen mothers (ages 15-19) in high need zip codes located in Aiken and Anderson Counties.

This grant provides space for these communities to shift greater focus to pregnant and parenting teens through the use of AIM for Teen Moms (AIM4TM), an evidence-based curriculum designed to meet the needs of teen mothers centered on preventing rapid repeat pregnancy as well as improving educational outcomes and economic stability.

“Fact Forward is please to once again receive funding from OPA to continue our work in Aiken and Anderson Counties,” Doug Taylor, Fact Forward Director of Community Programs and Evaluations, said. “Over the past five years, through our strong partnership with Helping Hands in Aiken County and the United Way of Anderson County, we have created a network of agencies committed to improving the lives of youth through evidence based teen pregnancy prevention programs.”

Teen pregnancy affects the entire community. Working with community partners is a key prevention strategy.

Fact Forward's Tier 2 funded project, purposefully named *emP.O.W.E.R.ed SC: Creating Linkages for Youth of Color in South Carolina*, will establish innovation networks throughout two South Carolina counties: Orangeburg and Richland. This network will include high schools, historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), local health departments (Title X clinic) and/or federally qualified health centers, community-based organizations, local businesses, parents and other youth-supporting adults. POWER is an acronym for Partners Optimizing Wellness & Education through Referrals.

Using a systems-thinking approach, this project aims to mobilize communities to develop, test, refine, evaluate, and disseminate innovative strategies to increase access and linkages to sexual health services for youth of color ages 15-19. This multi-disciplinary network of partners will participate in a learning collaborative based on [the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's \(IHI\) Breakthrough Series \(BTS\) Model](#).

“This funding is a unique opportunity to create new strategies focused on providing youth of color in South Carolina with culturally tailored programming that is not only evidence based but innovative,” Rena Dixon, Fact Forward Director of Health Services, said. “We look forward to engaging new and previous partners increasing adolescent access to reproductive health.”

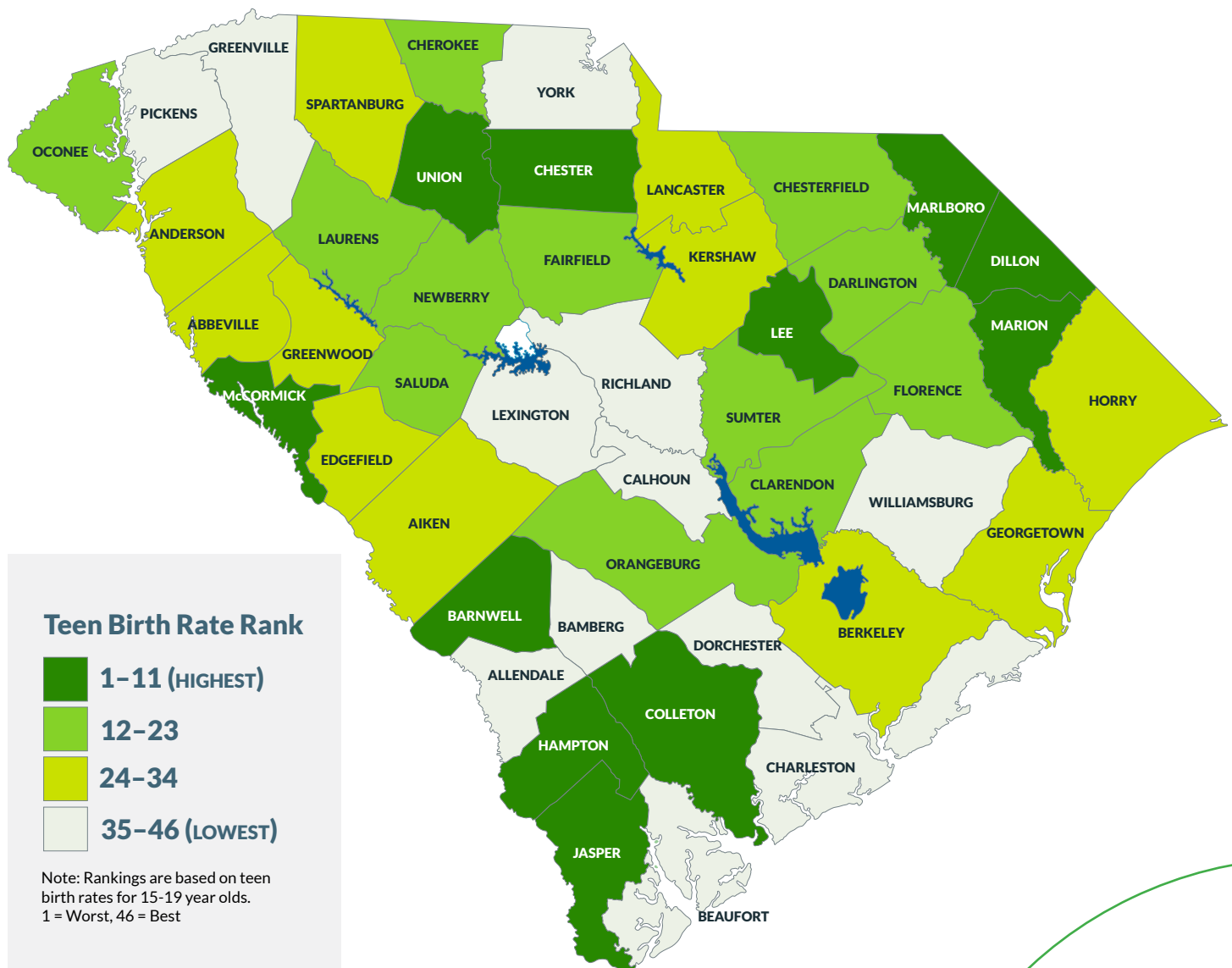


2019 South Carolina Teen Birth Trends

A 70 percent decline in our state's teen birth rate since 1991 is a point of pride for our state. Though this decline is impressive, adolescent reproductive health must remain a priority for South Carolinians to ensure progress continues. Between 2018 and 2019, the state teen birth rate decreased by nearly 2 percent. Older youth (18-19 years old) continue to drive the overall teen birth rate, accounting for 77 percent of all teen births in 2019. Although the overall teen birth rate is decreasing, Black teens (15-19) experienced a 1.8 percent increase from 2018-2019. This was the only teen demographic to experience an increase from 2018-2019; Black teens birth rates are nearly double the rates of white teens.

At its core, our job is to support the work of youth-serving professionals and to make sure South Carolina's youth get an effective and inclusive reproductive health education, as well as increased access to reproductive health services. Fact Forward cannot make an impact on adolescent pregnancy rates without teams of dedicated professionals willing to engage young people across the state.

To learn more about how you can make a difference, visit <https://www.factforward.org/resources>.





2019 Teen Birth Rates and Numbers by Age Group

Rank	County	Ages 15-19		Ages 15-17		Ages 18-19	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
1	Marlboro	30	45.5	7	17.7	23	87.1
2	Colleton	46	42.8	10	15.5	36	83.9
3	Hampton	23	42	5	15.2	18	82.2
4	Dillon	41	41.6	17	28.7	24	60.9
5	Chester	38	41.2	6	10.8	32	86.7
6	Marion	35	38.5	11	20.1	24	66.1
7	Barnwell	26	38.2	9	22.1	17	62.3
7	Jasper	27	38.2	8	18.9	19	67.1
9	Lee	18	37.9	2	7	16	84.2
10	Union	26	35.3	6	13.6	20	68
11	McCormick	5	35	2	23.3	3	52.6
12	Cherokee	62	32.9	13	11.5	49	64.8
13	Chesterfield	43	32.3	13	16.3	30	56.3
14	Laurens	65	32.2	9	7.4	56	69.4
15	Sumter	104	31.6	37	18.7	67	50.9
16	Florence	129	29.7	30	11.5	99	56.9
17	Saluda	15	29.5	2	6.6	13	63.7
18	Fairfield	16	28.3	4	11.8	12	52.9
19	Newberry	34	27.1	10	13.3	24	47.8
20	Oconee	56	26.9	15	12	41	49.3
21	Clarendon	24	26.6	8	14.8	16	44.2
21	Darlington	58	26.6	10	7.6	48	55
23	Orangeburg	79	26.4	21	11.7	58	48.5
24	Greenwood	63	26.1	18	12.4	45	46.6
25	Kershaw	52	26	10	8.3	42	52.6
26	Lancaster	57	23.1	14	9.5	43	43.6
27	Abbeville	18	22.6	3	6.3	15	47
28	Edgefield	16	22.2	1	2.3	15	51.9
28	Horry	203	22.2	47	8.6	156	42.8
30	Anderson	141	22.1	32	8.3	109	42.7
30	Georgetown	35	22.1	4	4.2	31	49
32	Spartanburg	229	21.8	45	7.1	184	43.8
33	Aiken	107	21.1	25	8.2	82	40.3
34	Berkeley	137	19.9	28	6.8	109	39.6
35	Greenville	319	19.7	79	8.1	240	37.1
36	Williamsburg	17	18.8	6	11.1	11	30.5
37	Lexington	169	18.7	45	8.3	124	34.3
38	Charleston	208	18.5	48	7.1	160	35.5
39	Dorchester	95	18.2	21	6.7	74	35.5
40	Beaufort	88	17.6	16	5.3	72	36.1
41	Allendale	4	17.2	0	NA	4	43
42	Pickens	93	16.6	20	6	73	32.6
43	York	150	16	32	5.7	118	31.4
44	Calhoun	6	15.3	1	4.3	5	31.8
45	Richland	212	13.3	40	4.2	172	27
46	Bamberg	6	11.2	1	3.1	5	23.5
	South Carolina	3,425	21.6	791	8.3	2,636	41.5

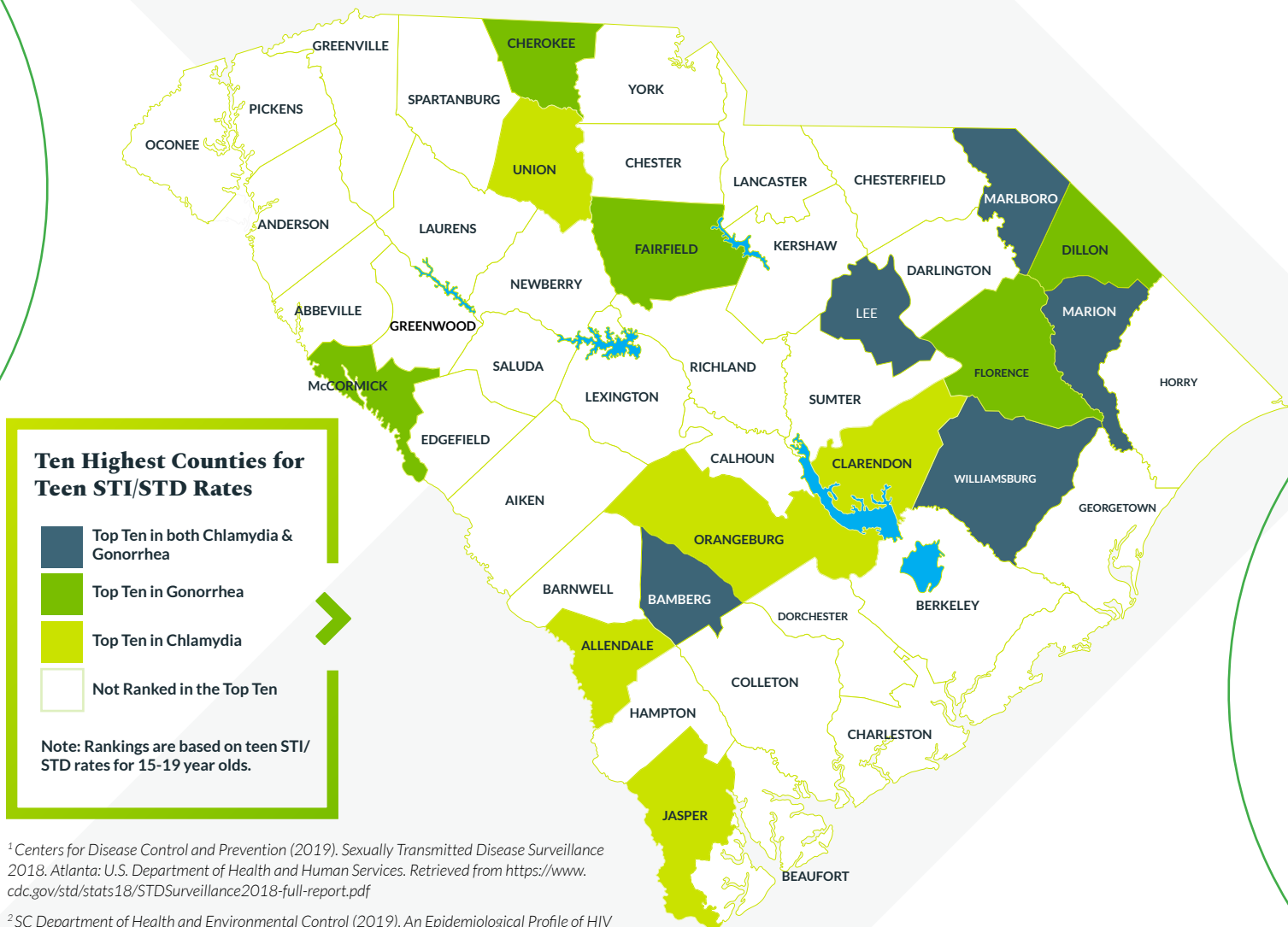
Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SCDHEC, 2020

Note: Counties are ranked from worst to best teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds. Rate is calculated per 1,000 females. Rates calculated with small numbers are unreliable and should be used cautiously.

2019 South Carolina Teen STI/STD Rates

Although South Carolina's teen birth rate has declined by 70% since its peak in 1991, adolescents in SC are at substantial risk for contracting an STI/STD. In 2018, South Carolina was ranked 4th highest in the country for infection rates of chlamydia and 3rd in the country for gonorrhea among all ages.¹ Additionally, adolescents (ages 15-24) accounted for 67 percent of chlamydia cases and 53 percent of all reported gonorrhea diagnoses.² This highlights the significance of teens and adults having access to comprehensive STI/STD screening and treatment, ultimately reducing the

spread of STI/STDs in South Carolina. According to the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) survey, 51 percent of sexually active South Carolina high school students reported NOT using a condom the last time they had sex.³ This underscores the importance of comprehensive sexual health education that includes instruction on proper use of condoms and contraception for sexually active teens. Fact Forward encourages educators, medical professionals and parents or trusted adults to use this document to engage their community in conversation surrounding the importance of STI/STD education and prevention.



¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2019). Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2018. Atlanta: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/std/stats18/STDsurveillance2018-full-report.pdf>

² SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (2019). An Epidemiological Profile of HIV and AIDS in South Carolina 2019.

³ Underwood, M.J., Brener, N., Thornton, J. et al. (2020). Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance – United States, 2019. M MMWR Suppl 2020;69(1):1-84 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/su/pdfs/su6901-H.pdf>



2019 Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Numbers and Rates by County

Ages 15 – 19

County	Chlamydia			Gonorrhea		
	Cases	Rate	Rank	Cases	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	45	2717.4	36	11	664.3	32
Aiken	405	3937.8	21	108	1050.1	21
Allendale	39	7572.8	1	5	970.9	25
Anderson	333	2587.4	37	103	800.3	27
Bamberg	62	5175.3	9	17	1419	10
Barnwell	51	3722.6	25	9	656.9	33
Beaufort	295	2737.6	35	73	677.4	31
Berkeley	354	2466.9	40	78	543.6	39
Calhoun	18	2368.4	44	.	131.6	46
Charleston	812	3615.5	26	221	984	22
Cherokee	150	3865	23	56	1442.9	9
Chester	77	3969.1	20	15	773.2	28
Chesterfield	113	4072.1	19	15	540.5	40
Clarendon	109	5265.7	6	28	1352.7	13
Colleton	103	4627.1	12	31	1392.6	11
Darlington	190	4322.1	16	47	1069.2	20
Dillon	94	4534.5	14	49	2363.7	2
Dorchester	351	3293.6	30	77	722.5	29
Edgefield	38	2434.3	41	11	704.7	30
Fairfield	48	3877.2	22	25	2019.4	3
Florence	409	4634	11	175	1982.8	6
Georgetown	123	3614.5	27	41	1204.8	17
Greenville	797	2485.1	39	176	548.8	38
Greenwood	138	2897.9	31	46	966	26
Hampton	44	3802.9	24	14	1210	16
Horry	620	3345.6	28	113	609.8	35
Jasper	83	5522.3	5	18	1197.6	18
Kershaw	101	2500	38	24	594.1	36
Lancaster	138	2813.5	33	21	428.1	43
Laurens	139	3305.6	29	41	975	24
Lee	55	5258.1	7	21	2007.6	4
Lexington	440	2424	42	107	589.5	37
McCormick	13	4347.8	15	6	2006.7	5
Marion	118	6207.3	3	46	2419.8	1
Marlboro	71	4972	10	25	1750.7	8
Newberry	113	4241.7	18	26	976	23
Oconee	87	2067	45	15	356.4	45
Orangeburg	309	5201.1	8	80	1346.6	14
Pickens	187	1715.1	46	45	412.7	44
Richland	1460	4299.4	17	366	1077.8	19
Saluda	32	2794.8	34	6	524	41
Spartanburg	504	2388.4	43	136	644.5	34
Sumter	307	4543.4	13	93	1376.4	12
Union	91	5748.6	4	21	1326.6	15
Williamsburg	126	6709.3	2	37	1970.2	7
York	523	2831.9	32	96	519.8	42
South Carolina	10857	3352	-	2804	865.7	-

Note: Rate is calculated per 100,000 15-19 year olds.

Data Source: SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (2019), SC Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Incidence Rates, Ages 15-19, 2020. HIV Surveillance and Technical Support Requested Report, Columbia, SC.

> Giving Back

Our partners across the state are a vital component in reaching youth in South Carolina. We fund a variety of organizations to implement research proven programs and to reach youth and parents through innovative outreach events. Partners from the past year include:

Community Sponsorships

Strategic Partners

Bamberg School District 2

The Coalition for Family
Enrichment

Journey United Methodist
Church

Refuge House of Prayer

Let's Talk Month

Darlington County First
Steps to School Readiness

Edgefield County Youth
Empowerment

I Love Club

Orangeburg Chapter of the
Links, Inc

Mt. Zion Missionary
Baptist Church of Cayce



Community Grants

Aiken County Public
School

Anderson Alternative

Anderson School District
1

Anderson School District
5

Boys & Girls Clubs of the
Pee Dee

CareSouth Carolina

Children's Attention
School

Coastal Carolina
University

College of Charleston

Columbia Urban League

Darlington County First
Steps to Readiness

SCDHEC Upstate
Anderson

SCDHEC Midlands
Region Aiken

SCDHEC Lowcountry
Orangeburg

Dillon County Boys and
Girls Youth Center

Dillon School District 4
Dramatic Coffee Beans

Foothills Alliance

Francis Marion
University

Helping Hands Inc.

Lowcountry Youth
Services

New Foundations Home
for Children

OCAB Community
Action Agency, Inc.

Orangeburg
Consolidated School
District

Palmetto Place Shelter

Pendleton Place

SC Department of
Juvenile Justice

Sowing Seeds into the
Midlands

Tamassee DAR School

The Family Resource
Center

United Way of Anderson
County

University of South
Carolina

Voorhees College
Winthrop University

> 2018 - 2020 Supporters

\$1,000 & Above

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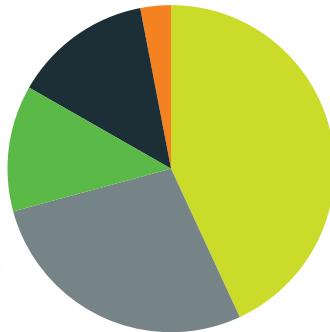
FY 2019-20 Financial Highlights

Fact Forward is funded through multiple funding sources including federal, state, and private grants in addition to individual contributions and sponsorships.

The operating budget was \$4,225,669 for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. A breakdown of revenue and expenses is shown below.

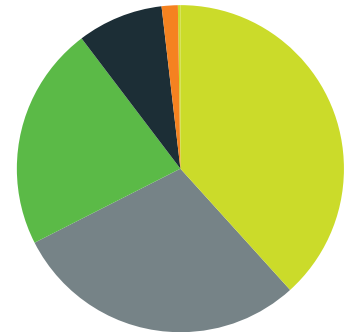
Revenue

Office of Population Affairs	\$1,624,821.78
Private/Foundation Grants	\$1,039,772.04
State Grants	\$477,170.86
Other Federal Grants	\$512,616.06
Contributions /Sponsorships/ Generated Income	\$111,237.25



Expenses

Personnel	\$1,610,443.46
Giving	\$1,237,384.18
Program	\$950,657.57
General & Administrative	\$360,028.09
Fundraising	\$67,156.09



Supporter Recognition





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