

Team for Early Childhood Solutions (TECS) is.....

- Located at the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine, Center for Disability Resources.
- The statewide training and technical assistance support for all BabyNet system personnel.
- The manager of the Child and Family Outcomes Process
- The administrator of the Early Intervention/SC Part C Credential.
- The administrator of the e-Health Network support for allied health service providers.
- The leader of research activities concerning best practices in early intervention service delivery for BabyNet.

<http://uscm.med.sc.edu/tecs/childandfamilyoutcomes.asp>

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BabyNet System Partners

- SC Office of First Steps
- SC Department of Education (DOE)
- SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)
- SC School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB)
- SC Health and Human Services (HHS)
- SC Department of Mental Health (DMH)
- SC Department of Social Services (DSS)
- SC Department of Insurance
- Family Connection of SC, Inc.
- SC Head Start Association
- PRO-PARENTS of SC

Partnering for the Best Child and Family Outcomes



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**SC Office of First Steps
IDEA, Part C Lead Agency**

<http://www.scfirststeps.org/BabyNet.html>

Purpose of Outcomes

Outcomes help measure the benefit gained from the child and family's participation in the BabyNet system. Our state uses Early Child Outcome measures of functional progress and the Family Survey results to improve services for children and families.

Child & Family Outcomes

Child Outcomes match the development of children in BabyNet to typically developing children of the same age. The three **Early Child Outcomes** focus on children:

- having positive social relationships,
- acquiring and using knowledge and skills, and
- taking appropriate action to meet their needs.



Family Outcomes measure the impact of family participation in the BabyNet system. The three **Family Outcomes** focus on families:

- knowing their rights,
- effectively communicating their children's needs, and
- helping their children develop and learn.



Measuring the Outcomes

BabyNet uses the gathered outcomes information to evaluate the system, without focusing on any one child, family, or service provider.

For **Early Child Outcomes (ECO)**, information from parents, service coordinators, service providers, etc. is gathered using tools and resources to gain information about the child's functional performance in various settings.

For **Family Outcomes**, information from parents is gathered using the Family Survey to capture family

views of the impact that BabyNet services made on their family, related to the three outcome areas. Surveys are mailed to families who have been enrolled in BabyNet for at least six months. Surveys are available in paper format, online and in Spanish, with help for filling out surveys.

Public Reporting

The 2004 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires each year that our state publicly report how well we performed in the areas of child and family outcomes.

The SC Office of First Steps is the BabyNet system's lead agency. They work with many partners to make sure the best possible services for children and families is available in our state. Information about statewide (including partnering agencies) child and family outcomes performance is made available to the public through multiple forms of media.

