

T*hrive-to-Five* supports positive and nurturing home environments to give children and families the best possible opportunities to grow and thrive.

Partners in **Thrive-to-Five** work together to implement a collaboration of care approach to support and educate Pickens County families. This collaborative approach enriches and strengthens family structure, enabling young children to thrive and develop during the crucial early years of life so they are prepared to start school ready to learn.



These non-profit 501c(3) organizations receive funding from grants; fundraisers; and donations from foundations, groups and individuals. You can help too by contributing to Pickens Family Partners (put **Thrive-to-Five** on the memo line) and remit to: **Thrive-to-Five**
1222C East Church Street
Jasper, GA 30143.
Thrive to Five Phone: 706-253-6488

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Vision.....
Pickens County is a caring community, inspiring families with young children to be confident, nurturing and healthy.

Mission.....
To provide a coordinated effort, among local agencies, to build a community that offers families with young children, easy access to the resources they need to ensure that their children are safe, healthy, and ready to start school.

The **N**eed.....

Children ages conception to five years whose parents are experiencing family management and nurturing challenges, especially parents without high school diplomas and those living in low income environments.



The **S**olution..... **Thrive-to-Five!**
A collaboration of local agencies that provides coordinated services to enrich the lives of Pickens County families using strategies that enable parents to develop the ability and motivation to nurture their children and to inspire and aid them in furthering their own educations.

Active Partners support our Mission, stay informed via email and newsletters, make referrals, promote public awareness and community support, and also strive to: have representation at Partner meetings, join focus committees, share data for outcomes evaluation, share training materials and cross-train with Partners, and support sustainability strategies.

Active Partners:

- **CARES Inc.** -
CARES Inc. Mission is to provide food, limited financial & educational assistance & counseling to needy residents of Pickens County. **770-253-4777**
- **Chattahoochee Technical College Adult Education** -
GED, Basic Skills, College Entrance Test Tutoring - Amy Denney **706-253-4527**
- **Department of Family and Children's Services - DFCS** -
706-692-4730
- **Family Drug Court - Appalachian Judicial Circuit**
Facilitate substance abuse treatment of parents to prevent loss of children
Chief Judge Brenda Weaver
Juvenile Judge - John Worcester
706-253-8729
- **North Georgia Pregnancy Center** -
Families pre-birth to age 5
FREE Services: Pregnancy Tests, Ultrasound, Baby Clothes, Diapers & more!
706-253-6303
- **Pickens County Board of Education** -
Amberle Godfrey, Parent/Community Involvement Coordinator
Lynn Palmer, School Social Worker
706-253-1700
- **Pickens County Family Connection**
706-253-0385
Jackie Childers • **770-894-3043**
- **Pickens County Library** -
Checkout free books, audio/visual, child & adult, computer/internet **706-692-5411**
- **Pickens Family Partners** -
First Steps - Piedmont Hospital new birth support. **Healthy Families & Parents as Teachers** - Parent education

& support, prenatal to age 5, fun!
706-253-6488

- **Pickens WIC** - The mission of WIC is to improve the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age five years who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious food to supplement diets, information on healthy eating and referrals to health care."
1-866-942-9675
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** -
Financial assistance for rent, utilities, & auto repair **706-692-7604**
- **The Equipping Center** at Chapel Church - Employment Assistance & Resources **706-692-7268**

Supporting Partners support our Mission, stay informed via email and newsletters, make referrals when appropriate, and promote public awareness and community support.

Supporting Partners:

- **Pickens Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy** - Free age suitable book mailed each month to Pickens County children under 5. Must be registered. Sue Appleton, Chair
706-692-9755

