

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Facts about FACS

Did you know?

The family environment is the main determinant of a child's character, values, and desire to be successful (Annie E. Casey Kids Count Data Book, 2009).

- The Annie E. Casey Kids Count Data Book (2009) showed that South Carolina ranked 47th in the nation when examining the well-being of South Carolina's youth.
- The [Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative](#) (2007) asserted that based on body mass index for children ages 10-17, approximately 4,825,739 are classified as overweight and 5,175,940 are classified as obese.
- The [Forum on Child and Family Statistics](#) (2009) reported:
 - 53 of every 1,000 children were born to unmarried women ages 15-44
 - 22 of the 53 children were born to adolescent females ages 15-17
 - 17% of children ages 0-17 lived in households classified by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as food insecure
 - 69 of every 100,000 children age 1-19 died as a result of injuries
 - 20% of 8th-12th grade students reported smoking on a daily basis
 - 11 per 1,000 student were involved in serious violent crimes
 - 17% of the children ages 6-17 were plagued with health issues and classified as overweight
 - 5% of the children ages 4-17 had emotional and behavioral difficulties
 - 8% of 12-17 year olds experienced major depressive episodes

Who has courses germane to these issues in education?

Family and Consumer Sciences is a Career and Technology Education program that teaches strategies and empowers students to develop skills to overcome or effectively deal with these issues.

What is Family and Consumer Sciences?

Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) is a diverse program that focuses on the family by providing communication, decision-making, coping strategies, and problem-solving instruction for family related issues that students apply immediately to their life, in addition to, empowering students to develop technical skills for related careers. The [national vision](#) is "To empower individuals and families across the life span to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society. Our unique focus is on the family, careers, and how they interrelate".

Why should these courses be offered in school?

The [National Child Care Association](#) reported by 2010, nearly 85 percent of the workforce will consist of parents, and the number of working women will exceed men. Therefore, children are not developing skills to effectively deal with issues in the home. According to the [Annie E. Casey Kids Count Databook](#) (2009), children of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. They are future parents and workforce who will face the challenges of competing in a global society. The need to take steps to improve the well being of families to positively impact youths is essential.

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What program/courses are offered through Family and Consumer Sciences in South Carolina?

South Carolina Family and Consumer Sciences courses/programs consist of three exploratory courses for students in grades 6-8 and eight programs of study for secondary (9-12) students. There are a total of 41 courses in the program.

Career Cluster	Program of Study/CIP Code
	Early Childhood Education-131210 ➤ Provides academic and technical skill training for students to teach children ranging in age from infancy – eight years (grade three).
	Introduction to Teaching-130101 ➤ Provides the foundation for students who are interested in careers in education.
	Fashion Design and Apparel Construction-500407 ➤ Prepares individuals to apply artistic principles and techniques to the professional design of commercial fashions, apparel, and accessories.
	Interior Design-500408 ➤ Prepares individuals to apply artistic principles and techniques to the professional planning, designing, equipping, and furnishing of residential and commercial interior spaces.
	Family and Consumer Sciences-190101 ➤ Focuses on the multiple roles of men and women in today's society as family members, wage earners and community citizens. ➤ Addresses the immediate needs of students.
	Food Science and Dietetics-190501 ➤ Engages students in scientific inquiry and problem solving when teaching about the physical and chemical changes that occur during processing, packaging, and preservation of foods.
	Culinary Arts-520905 ➤ Equips students with academic and technical skills that lead to management positions.
	Hospitality Management and Operations-520904 ➤ Provides foundation skills that lead to management of operations and facilities that provide lodging services to the traveling public.

Where can I get more information about Family and Consumer Sciences in South Carolina?

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