



South Carolina
Institute of Medicine & Public Health
HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS
Program

Advancing Child Well-Being in South Carolina: A State and Federal Dialogue

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

The Palmetto Club, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Welcome

Maya Pack, MS, MPA
Executive Director
South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health

12:45 p.m. Measuring What Matters: KIDS COUNT, ACEs and State Child Fatality Data

Bett Williams
Chief Communications Officer
Children's Trust of South Carolina

1:15 p.m. The Economic Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences in South Carolina

Joseph Von Nessen, PhD
Research Economist
Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina

2:10 p.m. Prevention is Possible: A Conversation with Assistant Secretary Alex J. Adams

Assistant Secretary Alex J. Adams
Administration for Children and Families,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Senator Mike Reichenbach
Chairman, Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children

2:55 p.m. Closing Remarks

Sue Williams, MBA
Chief Executive Officer
Children's Trust of South Carolina

3:00 p.m. Adjourn