

# CHARGED<sup>3</sup>

Children's Health & Resource Geographic  
Exploration for Data-Driven Decisions



**CHARGED<sup>3</sup>** is a collaborative project with an interdisciplinary team of GIS and health IT specialists, data scientists, web developers, maternal and child health experts, psychologists, and health services researchers. Funded by the Duke Endowment, the project is equipping others to identify clusters of health "advantage" and "disadvantage" within South Carolina and, in turn, engage stakeholders to improve children's lives.

Through CHARGED<sup>3</sup>, the Institute for Families in Society (IFS) has developed a Geospatial Environmental Scan<sup>®</sup> (GeoEScan<sup>®</sup>) that gives users the ability to identify relevant geographic patterns, at-risk areas, and community-based resource availability while providing a contextual framework to strengthen needs assessments, planning and service delivery.

## What it offers you, the health care professional

As an interactive PDF, the CHARGED<sup>3</sup> GeoEScan<sup>®</sup> allows you to geographically explore health characteristics and resources for SC children ages 0-5. It gives you critical information that supports planning, resource allocation, partnership development, and other decision-making processes through interactive map layers and tabled data. See the other side for a partial list of the specific data elements.

## Why it matters

In SC, there are about 280,000 children ages 0-5. One quarter live below the poverty level and two thirds live in Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas. We all know that children's needs exist across multiple dimensions including access to care, continuity of care, family support resources, and program availability. **This tool integrates the data you need to look at these issues from a new perspective.**



TRY IT

This free GeoEScan<sup>®</sup>  
is now available online!  
[schealthviz.sc.edu/CHARGED3](http://schealthviz.sc.edu/CHARGED3)

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## Use the GeoEScan® to

- identify areas of high socioeconomic disadvantage;
- examine geographic patterns of disease burden;
- evaluate availability and access to local health care facilities;
- identify potential health and service gaps; and
- target interventions in high-need areas at multiple levels of geography.



### THE AVAILABLE DATA

Birth Outcomes and Mortality  
Ratio of Children to Child-Serving Primary Care Providers  
Food Deserts by Census Tract  
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)  
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Locations  
Early Childhood Programs and Agencies  
Location of Pediatric Psychiatrists  
% of the SC Population With Public Insurance, by Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA)  
SC Population Counts of Children Ages 0-4 With a Disability  
SC Population Counts for Those Having an Adverse Childhood Experience

Census data related to socioeconomic status and locations of facilities and providers



Child Outcomes Data



A strong contextual framework to explore child outcomes and determinants of well-being status



*The tool equips you to geospatially see community-level patterns that can help identify and address resources, gaps, and needs.*

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