

SOUTH CAROLINA

Resource Center Newsletter



Volume 1, Issue 2, October 2011

October is Walk to School Month!

On Wednesday, October 5th and throughout the month of October, South Carolinians will proudly be joining communities throughout the world as we celebrate International Walk to School Day. This newsletter is full ideas to fuel and inspire your iWalk events.

In this issue

Resource Center News: SRTS Training
Resource Center News: iWalk Support
Spotlight on a Friend: Partners for Active Living
From our State Coordinator
Upcoming Event: Walk to School Day
Other Funding Opportunities: National Mini Grants
Partner Corner: Stiles Point Elementary

Resource Center News Safe Routes to School National Course Offerings

The Resource Center is sponsoring training on SRTS developed by the National Center for SRTS at four locations across South Carolina this fall.

- **Greenville** on October 25, 11:30 am- 4:00 pm
- **Rock Hill** on October 26, 12:00 pm - 4:45 pm
- **Blythewood** on November 1, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

From our State Coordinator

Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

Over 125 schools in South Carolina will be kicking-off walking and bicycling events during iWalk. Whether your school's event involves city officials, media and other community supporters or perhaps engages all students through walk at school participation, we invite you to share your story and photos from iWalk.

Send your [SRTS School Outreach Coordinator](#) a highlight of your event and you may be featured in our upcoming newsletter or on the website.

We hope that your event will be the launch of many walking and rolling events this school year. Happy walking and rolling . . .

International Walk to School Day October 5th, 2011

Every October, schools all over the world participate in International Walk to School Day. It is a great way

- **Charleston** on November 2, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

The sessions are free but space is limited. To RSVP or for more information, call the Resource Center Hotline at **855.4SC.SRTS**.

Resource Center News Get Ready for iWalk!

International Walk to School Day is approaching right around the corner! Is your school ready for the fun festivities?

Make sure you take the time to go through the SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center website. We've uploaded many downloadable resources that may help to promote your event, both within your school and your community!

We encourage you to make use of the following:

- [Letters](#) to send home to parents
- [Flyers](#) and signage for your event
- [Classroom lessons](#) about safety
- [Press Release](#) to send to your local news stations and newspapers
- Ask your local officials to issue [Proclamations of Support](#)

On the Resource Center website, you can find a Safe Kids' [Walk to School Guidebook](#). Safe Kids and FedEx have teamed up to create "Safe Kids Walk This Way." This guidebook teaches safe behavior to motorists and child pedestrians and identifies ways to create safer, more walkable communities.

Good luck, have fun, and be safe!

Spotlight on a Friend: Partners for Active Living

Schools throughout Spartanburg County are invited to join [Partners for Active Living](#) in walking for a healthier, safer and more active community. Registered schools are eligible for the coveted Golden Shoe Award. *Partners for Active Living seeks to make Spartanburg County, South Carolina a healthy, more livable community by promoting walking, bicycling and physical activity as a part of everyday life.*

for parents, students, school personnel and other community members to directly experience the trip to school on foot as they walk and bike with students that day.

More than 100 SC schools have already signed up for Walk to School Day!

Last year, South Carolina was one of the top six states for participation in the US. This year we're hoping to break into the top three.

[Register your event](#)

National Center Mini-Grant October 19, 2011

There is still time to get your application in to the National Center for the fall mini-grant round!

Mini-grants fund activities that range from the nuts and bolts that help start or sustain a program to new ideas that explore the range of benefits of safe walking and bicycling. The mini-grant activities should occur between January 1, 2012, and the end of the Spring 2012 semester.

[Click here](#) for more information about the National Center's mini-grant program.

Partner Corner Stiles Point Elementary Walk to School Day Parade

Stiles Point Elementary in Charleston, SC will be having a parade with over 500 students, parents, and community members to celebrate International Walk to School Day. Piggly Wiggly has donated healthy snacks for the participants, and elected officials and the press have been invited to attend.

The event will be held before school starts as law enforcement escorts the parade down Harbor View Road to the school. Students will be carrying signs from Safe Kids. This will be a great community event hosted by the school that encourages everyone to walk and bike more!



SCsafetroutes.org
Resource Center Hotline 855.4SC.SRTS

The SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center is a program of the South Carolina DOT