Landmarks™
for Families

Our Mission
To cultivate thriving children and families.

Fast Facts

- **For over 230 years**, Landmarks for Families has provided community and residential services to children and families seeking help in the Lowcountry.

- **The first municipal orphanage** to open in the United States in 1790.

- Landmarks for Families is the **longest-operating nonprofit organization in South Carolina** and has served thousands of children and families.

- One of the **first organized efforts at early childhood education** in the United States.

- Landmarks for Families is **nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation**, indicating the nonprofit's commitment to achieving the highest standards of quality and best practices in its field.

- Landmarks for Families is **accredited by the Teaching-Family Association**, a rigorous process that ensures that program standards are met with fidelity, reliability and consistency.

- In 2023 alone, Landmarks for Families **served 1,100 children and families** through our education, preservation, reunification and residential programs.

Program Outcomes

Residential:

86% of youth were discharged within 9-12 months, meeting national best practice standards.

65% of youth were discharged in under 12 months, with **52%** successful (i.e., reunifying with a family or transitioning into independent living – going out on their own, e.g., apartment, roommate, self-sufficient).

81% of youth who were in the care of Landmarks for Families for 30 or more days had visitations with their family.

58% of youth in placement at Landmarks for Families remained stable with the nonprofit or were successfully discharged.

Community:

An evaluation of Landmarks for Families' 2022 parenting program by an independent third-party evaluator determined that the nonprofit met or exceeded program fidelity standards in all categories, including Community and Environmental, Target Population, Program, Staffing and Curriculum.

NOTE: As of Feb. 29, 2024, Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC) has rebranded to Landmarks for Families.