Our mission is to facilitate communication, education, and opportunities for farmers, distributors, and institutions in support of healthy, locally produced food throughout South Carolina

Communication

**Shared**
- Monthly newsletters to 69 farmer, 646 school, and 343 preschool subscribers
- Nineteen presentations with an estimated audience of 5,500
- Sixteen media pieces announcing Farm to Institution events or highlighting activities

**Developed**
- A Communications Sub-Council which met eight times and created a Farm to Institution communications plan
- A new mission statement
- Resources in Spanish

**Organized**
- “Make Your Plate SC Grown” with an estimated turnout of 3,442 students, teachers, administrators, and families

**Expanded**
- Advisory Council membership to include new partners representing six key sectors

**Engaged**
- Senior leadership through two Executive Sub-Council meetings and leadership interviews
- The Advisory Council in 11 monthly meetings and an Advisory Council leadership retreat

**Surveyed**
- Principals or teachers from 275 schools: 52% of schools had an active garden
- Cafeteria managers from 353 schools: 76% of schools were serving SC Grown
- Representatives from 171 child care centers: 33% of had an active garden and 42% were serving SC Grown
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**Education**

**Trained**
One hundred and twenty-five participants at 10 culinary and/or gardening workshops

*Feedback:*
- One hundred percent planned to use what they learned to help establish or maintain a garden
- Eighty-eight percent prepared a recipe from the culinary training on their own

**Convened**
Two hundred and three SC food systems stakeholders at the first annual Farm to Institution Summit

*Feedback:*
- Ninety-nine percent said that the information learned would be useful in their work or volunteer initiatives, and 99% said they would attend another Summit in the future

**Opportunities**

**Supported**
- Nine schools serving 5,653 children and 335 teachers
- Ten preschools serving 1,210 children and 172 staff
- Eight corner stores accessible to 74,234 adults within five miles
- Seven worksites accessible to 114,595 staff, college students, and/or community members
- Twenty-eight food pantries serving 135,742 individuals

**To Provide**
- Gardens, nutrition & agriculture education, and 58,948 servings of SC grown fruits & vegetables in schools
- Gardens, nutrition & agriculture education, and 31,668 servings of SC grown fruits & vegetables in preschools
- Improved promotion, placement, and variety of produce at corner stores
- Educational activities and resources, promotion, and SC grown produce at worksites
- Distribution of 1,675,080 pounds of produce at food pantries

Some ongoing 2017 programmatic activities were initiated in 2016. Specifically, funding and/or materials and assistance provided to schools, preschools, retail sites, worksites, and food pantries.