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Resource Center News: SC Safe Routes to School Forum Review

On Thursday, June 9th, the Resource Center hosted the Second Annual SC Safe Routes to School Statewide Forum. Attendees from all over the state (including Jasper, Spartanburg, and Sumter County) gathered at Irmo Middle School in Columbia. Participants were able to network with educators, safety advocates, and planners throughout the day. Seventeen speakers presented on infrastructure



Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

From our State Coordinator:

I would like to personally thank all of our Forum attendees, presenters, vendors, and venue host! With more than 80 registrants, 9 breakout sessions, a keynote speaker, and 10 vendors the 2016 SC SRTS Statewide Forum was a huge success!

For anyone unable to attend the conference, [click here](#) to

funding, bike safety events, and pop up infrastructure. [Presentations are being posted here](#) (scroll to the bottom).

We would like to thank our dynamic speakers and vendors for helping us make the Forum a successful event

Upcoming Event: International Walk to School Day!

International Walk to School Day (IWalk) on **October 5th**! Click [here](#) to see if registration is open! There are many ways for your school to participate. Plan your events to encourage students to:

- **Walk TO School** from their home or meeting location (such as a park, grocery store, or church parking lot)
- **Walk FROM School** (to their homes, a designated pick-up location or to an after school care provider)
- **Walk AT School** (school-wide walk around the campus in the morning, designated class time for grade-level walks throughout the day or a group walk after lunch)

Please contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) for assistance with planning a safe and fun event to fit your school's needs!

*Incentives will be provided to [partner schools](#) with registered events on a "first-come, first-served" basis. To receive incentives before your event, please register before **September 23rd**. The Resource Center will have a limited supply, and based on the number of past events, may run out. Register early!

Partner Highlight: South Carolina #1 in the Country for IWalk 2015!

Congratulations to South Carolina for having the highest registration rate in the United States for

access the Forum agenda. And many presentations are now available [on the Resource Center's website](#).

We look forward to using your feedback and input to help us plan for the next SC SRTS Statewide Forum! If you have ideas or suggestions for next year's forum, please share them with your local [School Outreach Coordinator](#).

[Contact your School Outreach Coordinator](#) with any questions about the 2016 Forum and we look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Forum!

Spotlight on a Friend:

The SRTS Resource Center would like to thank our Community Friends that supported the 2016 Statewide Forum. This year, we had 10 vendors from across the state share their resources with Forum attendees. Thanks to the following vendors as well as our friends at Irmo Middle School, for a great event:

- [Active Gamecocks](#)
- [Boosterthon](#)
- [Operation Lifesaver](#)
- [B2 Breathe Better](#)
- [Carolinas Healthcare System](#)
- [National Kidney Foundation](#)
- [Think First!](#)
- [Palmetto Cycling Coalition](#)

schools participating in International Walk to School Day last October 2015! According to the [National Center for Safe Routes to School's 2015 Walk to School Day Final Report](#), SC ranked #1 in the nation with 1 in 4 elementary and middle schools participating in the event. This marks the 4th year in a row that SC has been ranked #1. Congratulations to all of our school partners and community friends who organized and participated in these events to bring South Carolina to the top!

Click [here](#) to see all 343 schools in SC that participated in International Walk to School Day last year.

Please [register](#) your school's event for International Walk to School Day on October 5th, and let's keep South Carolina at #1 for five years in a row!

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"[Like](#)" us to stay updated on interesting news articles, upcoming events and different funding and learning opportunities!

- [Palmetto Health Trauma Program](#)
- [SCDOT - OSHO](#)

Grant Opportunity: Every Kid in a Park

Are you a fourth grade teacher or the parent of a fourth grader? If you want a place to get your fourth grader(s) walking, check out this wonderful grant opportunity for ALL fourth graders! To help engage and create our next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates, the White House, in partnership with the Federal Land Management agencies, launched the Every Kid in a Park initiative. The immediate goal is to provide an opportunity for each and every fourth grade student across the country to experience their federal public lands and waters in person throughout the school year. You can find out more [here](#).



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