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# SOUTH CAROLINA:

Using Regional Respite Advisory Councils to Further Outreach, Engagement and Collaboration with Family Caregivers and Community Partners

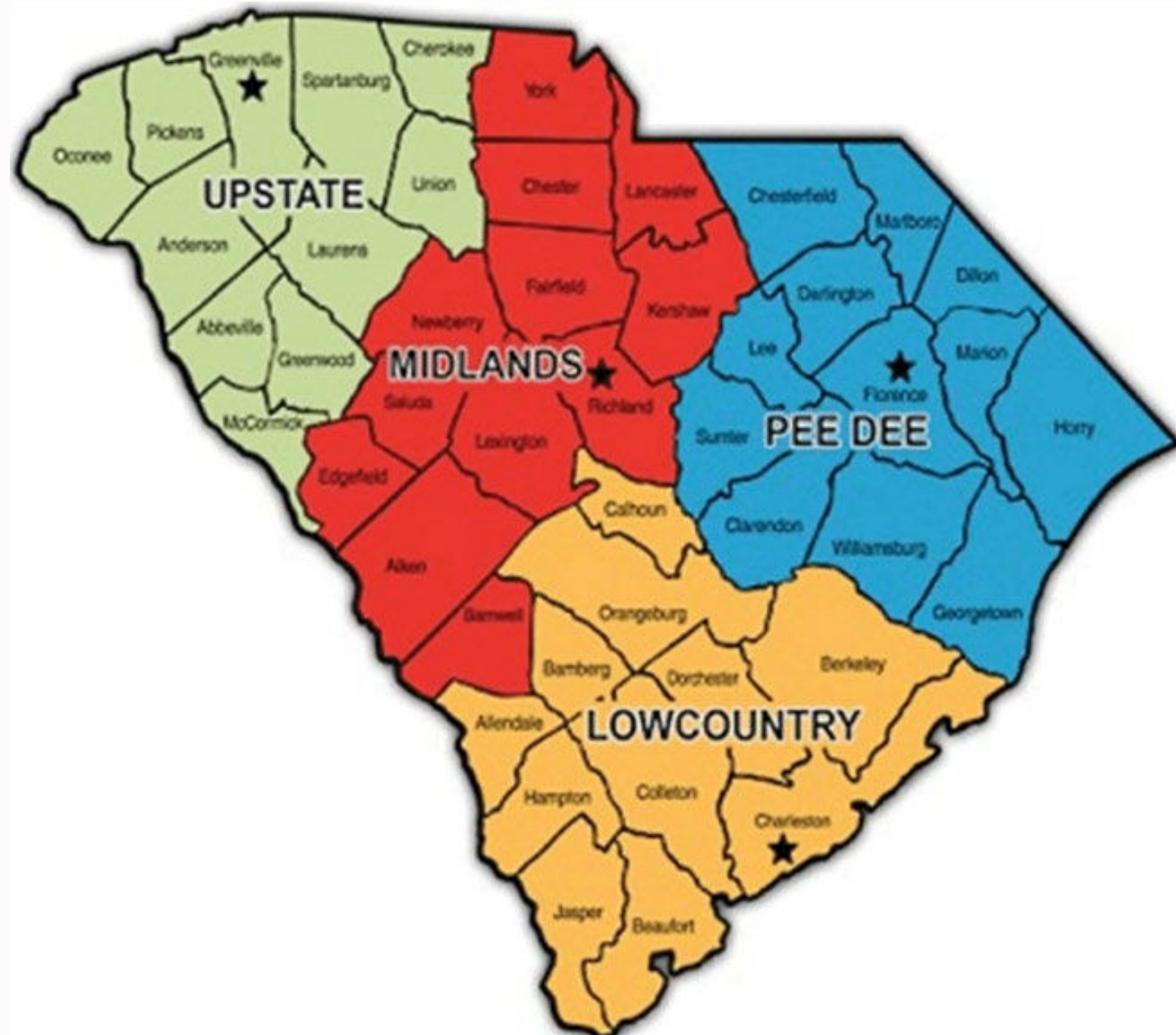
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# Regional Advisory Councils



## What are they?

Regional Advisory Councils consist of regional staff of state agencies, Area Agencies on Aging, respite providers, caregiving organizations, faith communities, and other local entities.

## Purpose

They provide localized insight into the needs and available services related to respite and family caregivers. They also serve as local dissemination points for Lifespan Respite information and resources.

## Why regional councils?

Like most states, South Carolina has a unique make up, where demographics, needs, and services vary widely depending on the area.

# USING THE REGIONAL COUNCILS

Furthering Outreach, Engagement, and Collaboration



## Respite Resource Fairs

This year, the Regional Advisory Councils are being mobilized to plan and implement a regional Respite Resource Fair Event during National Family Caregiver Month.

## Community Partner Benefits

- Increased collaboration with other agencies and service providers in the area
- Increased collaboration between AAAs and Life span

## Family Caregiver Benefits

- Access to local, regional, and statewide information that can assist them with respite or other services
- Attending a local event is much more feasible than attending an event



## Jumpstart Respite Awareness Day (February 2025)

These regional events in November will hopefully create momentum for attendance and participation at SC Respite Awareness Day in February 2025.