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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Haley: DSS caseworkers need support, team approach for children in their care  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140828/PC1603/140829391>

Cynthia Roldan, Jeremy Borden

Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday that Department of Social Services' workers will no longer bear the sole responsibility for children under their care, advocating a team approach that is perhaps her most direct response to criticism of the embattled agency to date.

**Note:** "We're no longer going to have a caseworker having all that responsibility on their back to try and do what they think is right," Haley said. "We're going to do a team for every single child . But that takes all of us. We've all got to agree we're going to put everything aside. We've all got to agree that the only person that matters in this is that child."

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**The State:** Poll: Gov. Nikki Haley outpacing Vincent Sheheen

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/28/3645341\\_poll-gov-nikki-haley-outpacing.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/1084/&rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/28/3645341_poll-gov-nikki-haley-outpacing.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/1084/&rh=1)

Andrew Shain

A new poll from a right-leaning firm has Republican Gov. Nikki Haley well ahead of Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen in the November election. Haley received 51 percent of support from voters, while Sheheen got 36 percent, according to the poll from Rasmussen Reports.

### South Carolina News:

**Associated Press:** 1.5M from Carolinas traveling this Labor Day

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=K0ph5Eb4](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=K0ph5Eb4)

Bruce Smith

Fueled by lower gas prices, an estimated 1.5 million residents from the Carolinas will be traveling this Labor Day to enjoy the last weekend of the summer season, the highest number since the Great Recession.

**Sun News:** Viers pleads not guilty; lawyer says accusations stem from convicted felons looking for leniency

[http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/08/28/4438234\\_viers-pleads-not-guilty-lawyer.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/08/28/4438234_viers-pleads-not-guilty-lawyer.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy)

David Wren

A lawyer for former state Rep. Thad Viers, who is facing federal money laundering and other charges, said Thursday that he does not believe any crime has been committed and that his client might be the target of accusations by a pair of convicted felons hoping to get reduced sentences.

**Associated Press:** Ex-Rep. Viers pleads not guilty in federal case

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=imituFNn](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=imituFNn)

Jeffrey Collins

A lawyer for a former South Carolina House member said he may not have realized what he was doing was wrong when he moved around the assets of a businessman who an insurance company was pursuing after he defaulted on a multi-million paving contract.

### Local News:

**Greenville News:** GHS spending \$97M to unify patient data system

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2014/08/28/greenville-hospital-system-integrate-patient-data-epic-system/14722505/>

Liv Osby

Greenville Health System is about to purchase a \$97 million IT system that officials say will allow the hospital to integrate all of its records on all of its campuses for the first time. Popular with the health care industry, the EPIC system dominates among academic health systems, said Rich Rogers, chief information officer for GHS.

**Island Packet:** Media attorney: Beaufort Council's closed session violated law

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/08/27/3279826/media-attorney-beaufort-councils.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Erin Moody

Just months after organizing open-meeting seminars for city boards and commissions, Beaufort City Council violated the S.C. Freedom of Information Act by failing to adequately state its reasons for entering a closed session Tuesday, according to a state press association attorney.

**Island Packet:** SCE&G begins energy efficiency program in Beaufort

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/08/28/3281126/sceg-begins-energy-efficiency.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Erin Moody

The plan is to install energy-saving devices in up to 250 homes in areas SCE&G and planners in the town of Port Royal and Beaufort have identified as lower-income neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Energy Efficiency Program already is in place in other areas, such as Columbia.

## **National News:**

**New York Times:** Asking Congress to Back ISIS Strikes Is Tricky for Obama

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/29/world/middleeast/obama-isis-syria-iraq.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/29/world/middleeast/obama-isis-syria-iraq.html?_r=0)

Mark Landler

When President Obama summoned his closest advisers to the Oval Office a year ago this week to tell them he was holding off on a missile strike against Syria, one of his arguments was that if he acted without Congress, he might not get congressional backing for military intervention the next time he needed it.

**Associated Press:** Survey: Americans' pessimism on economy has grown

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/28/6269481\\_survey-americans-pessimism-on.html?rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/28/6269481_survey-americans-pessimism-on.html?rh=1)

Josh Boak

Americans are more anxious about the economy now than they were right after the Great Recession ended despite stock market gains, falling unemployment and growth moving closer to full health. Seventy-one percent of Americans say they think the recession exerted a permanent drag on the economy, according to a survey being released Thursday by Rutgers University.

**Washington Post:** Obama's use of executive authority is about to become a real political issue

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/08/28/obamas-use-of-executive-privilege-is-about-to-come-in-focus/>

Aaron Blake

President Obama is weighing a big-time executive action on immigration that has both Democrats and Republicans anxious. He's also pursuing a major international climate-change agreement without ratification by Congress. And it's not yet clear whether the White House will seek congressional authorization for military action in Syria that appears increasingly likely.

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