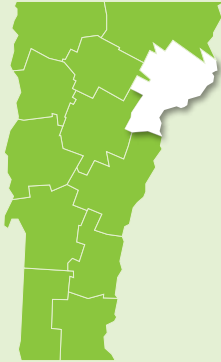


Caledonia & Southern Essex Region

About the Region



Building Bright Futures of Caledonia/Southern Essex regional council is comprised of a diverse group of early childhood partners. The region includes 24 towns in three counties: Caledonia, Essex, and Orange. The population of the region is 34,377, with 3,054 under 9-years-old, making up 8.88% of the population. The residents living in this area report income levels among the lowest in the state and poverty rates among the highest.

Successes

- Secured grant to coordinate professional development for early childhood providers.
- Promoted *Help Me Grow* VT (HMGVT) through outreach events to connect families to services.
- Supported the Lyndon Promise Community initiative. The community is developing a Parent Leadership Program, hiring a Resource Coordinator, and building an "All Things Lyndon" website.

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

2015:
3,054 Children
2011:
3,444 Children

DECLINED
-12.8%

STARS PARTICIPATION

2017*:
64 Programs
2010*:
21 Programs

IMPROVED TO
83.1%

IMMUNIZATION RATES

ages 19-35 months

2016:
314 Children
2013:
262 Children

IMPROVED TO
66.1%

CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

under age 9

2015:
55 Children
2012:
23 Children

INCREASED TO
18.0 RATE PER 1000

Strategies for 2017-18

- Work collaboratively with community partners to support pregnant women and parents or guardians in recovery.
- Increase the number of fun family activities rich in resources that promote social connectedness.
- Provide parent education and supports related to child milestones, social-emotional development and nutrition.
- Increase access to healthy food and quality nutrition.
- Offer transition activities to families with young children entering Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 School Years

Supervisory Union (SU) /District (SD)	2015 - 2016	2016-2017
Blue Mountain SD	92.9%	84.0%
Caledonia Central SU	92.0%	97.1%
Caledonia North SU	85.0%	83.8%
Essex Caledonia SU	81.6%	86.7%
Orange East SU	74.5%	76.2%
St Johnsbury SD	81.4%	80.6%

*As of June for each year