

Chittenden Region

About the Region



Chittenden County is the economic center for Vermont with 24% of the state's population. The county is home to a mixture of rural and urban families, native-born long-time residents, and recent immigrants. The Building Bright Futures Chittenden Regional Council has been active since 1992, and includes representatives from school districts, early childhood providers, mental health agencies, parents, and community based service providers of all kinds.

Successes

- Family serving agencies continue to improve practices to better serve families with limited English. The council supported 14 agencies to improve language access practices to families with limited English.
- Several Pre-K programs are implementing Early Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. This classroom-wide model reduces disruptive behavior and provides more intensive services for individual children.
- Health, mental health, and family advocacy agencies served 980 families through the five-year Project LAUNCH grant.

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

2015:
14,355 Children
2011:
14,271 Children

INCREASED
0.4%

STARS PARTICIPATION

2017*:
191 Programs
2010*:
97 Programs

IMPROVED TO
72.6%

IMMUNIZATION RATES

ages 19-35 months

2016:
1,873 Children
2013:
1,420 Children

IMPROVED TO
75.1%

CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

under age 9

2015:
86 Children
2012:
56 Children

INCREASED TO
6.0 RATE PER 1000

Strategies for 2017-18

In 2017–2018, the regional council's priorities are to promote the healthy development of children and family stability. We recognize that a child's ability to thrive is impacted by the family's well-being including: Access to food, safe and affordable housing, services free of discrimination that are also accessible for non-English speakers, treatment for substance abuse, an engaged community, and jobs paying a livable wage. We seek to draw these connections across systems to support thriving children and their families.

- Promote use of interpretation and language access plans by agencies that serve families with limited English.
- Expand early care and learning quality and capacity through expansion of programs like the Caring Collaborative.
- Promote healthy child development through *Help Me Grow* VT, including education and training on the impact of trauma and social determinants of health for families and early care and early intervention providers.

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

Supervisory Union (SU) /District (SD)	2015 - 2016	2016-2017
Burlington SD	76.0%	68.9%
Chittenden Central SU	80.2%	84.2%
Chittenden East SU	92.4%	93.8%
Chittenden South SU	95.1%	91.7%
Colchester SD	81.6%	94.7%
Essex Town SD	93.2%	88.1%
Milton SD	81.6%	80.5%
South Burlington SD	91.5%	95.7%
Winooksi SD	79.6%	81.3%

*As of June for each year