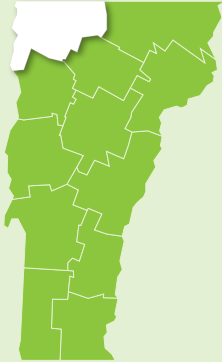


# Franklin Grand Isle Region

## About the Region



The rural nature of Franklin and Grand Isle counties poses barriers to accessing food, housing, and childcare. Despite this, each supervisory union saw increased kindergarten readiness in 2017. This can be attributed to resources in the region including the local mental health agency, Office of Economic Security, Department for Children and Families, and BBF. The Parent Child Center and network of early care and learning educators further support Vermont's youngest children.

## Successes

- St. Albans was recognized as Vermont's first "breastfeeding friendly" city.
- Approximately 50% of registered providers participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- Two people from our ACEs working group participated in Building Flourishing Communities' NEAR science training to promote trauma informed communities.
- Implemented a program to support moms experiencing perinatal mood disorders, provided access to home visiting support, maternal baby bags, and a "Baby Bumps" support group.

## Current Status

### CHILD POPULATION

*under age 9*

**2015:**  
5,855 Children  
**2011:**  
6,067 Children

DECLINED  
**-3.6%**

### STARS PARTICIPATION

**2017\*:**  
123 Programs  
**2010\*:**  
56 Programs

IMPROVED TO  
**83.1%**

### IMMUNIZATION RATES

*ages 19-35 months*

**2016:**  
631 Children  
**2013:**  
593 Children

IMPROVED TO  
**64.9%**

### CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

*under age 9*

**2015:**  
136 Children  
**2012:**  
62 Children

INCREASED TO  
**23.2** RATE PER 1000

## Strategies for 2017-18

- Implementing seven strategies through Promise Community cohort one for Sheldon, St. Albans, and Swanton towns.
- Implementing Early MTSS at our local YMCA Early Childhood Program.
- Using working committees of the council to address food insecurity and social determinants of health.
- Providing Building Flourishing Communities training through community forums.

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

Supervisory Union (SU) /District (SD)	2015 - 2016	2016-2017
Franklin Central SU	86.8%	87.4%
Franklin Northeast SU	85.2%	85.9%
Franklin Northwest SU	77.3%	81.3%
Franklin West SU	84.2%	92.2%
Grand Isle SU	83.1%	92.9%

\*As of June for each year