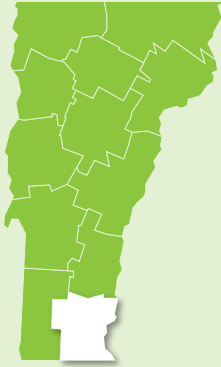


Southeast Vermont Region

About the Region



The Southeast region is home to more than 35,000 people, just shy of 3,000 are under the age of nine. Southeast Vermont continues to see improvement of quality early learning opportunities for young children. Challenges include access to affordable housing and early learning programs, substance abuse, and a high number of children in DCF custody. There exists a deep commitment to collaborative, innovative approaches to serving all children and families.

Successes

- Opening of the Welcoming Place. Council supported effort to create free child care for parents receiving medicated assisted therapy.
- Making it Work in Windham. Co-hosted forum with nearly 80 participants, with six committing to develop family-centered workplace policies and a collective commitment to promote a whole-person approach to employment.
- Month of the Young Child. Partnership to promote, free events and activities for families during the month of April. 38 total events and nearly 400 attendees.

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

2015:
2,966 Children
2011:
3,071 Children

DECLINED
-3.5%

STARS PARTICIPATION

2017*:
51 Programs
2010*:
41 Programs

IMPROVED TO
81.0%

IMMUNIZATION RATES

ages 19-35 months

2016:
320 Children
2013:
254 Children

IMPROVED TO
69.6%

CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

under age 9

2015:
50 Children
2012:
33 Children

INCREASED TO
16.9 RATE PER 1000

Strategies for 2017-18

- Promote age 0-8 continuum of early care and learning.
- Support and promote family-centered workplace policies.
- Co-coordinate Month of the Young Child events and activities for families and young children during the month of April.

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

Supervisory Union (SU) /District (SD)	2015 - 2016	2016-2017
Windham Central SU	87.3%	90.4%
Windham Northeast SU	87.5%	81.9%
Windham Southeast SU	76.0%	87.0%
Windham Southwest SU	100.0%	93.3%

*As of June for each year