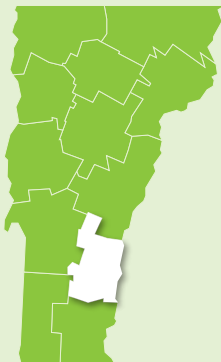


Springfield Region

About the Region



The Springfield Area Region is home to just over 33,300 people with almost 3,000 under eight-years-old. Historically the region relied on manufacturing, but many of these jobs have moved elsewhere. The region has been reinventing itself with much of its employment now in health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing. Many people in the region work, seek childcare, and shop over the border in New Hampshire.

Successes

- Relunched the Welcome Baby project, distributing over 50 bags, making home visits, and holding two community events.
- Established Vermont's first Diaper Bank, "Time for a Change", distributing over 10,500 diapers.
- Created an Early MTSS work group.
- Held a Family Fun Day where every participant said they learned something that could be applied in their homes.

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

2015:
2,928 Children

2011:
3,102 Children

DECLINED
-5.9%

STARS PARTICIPATION

2017*:
54 Programs

2010*:
22 Programs

IMPROVED TO
85.7%

IMMUNIZATION RATES

ages 19-35 months

2016:
298 Children

2013:
161 Children

IMPROVED TO
64.6%

CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

under age 9

2015:
49 Children

2012:
30 Children

INCREASED TO
16.7 RATE PER 1000

*As of June for each year

Strategies for 2017-18

The high level of generational poverty and the unemployment rate create barriers to ensuring equal access to supports that residents may need to thrive. The greater Springfield area has also been hit hard by drug misuse, similar to the rest of the state.

- Provide a forum ensuring collaboration between projects in the region including Promise Communities, Strengthening Families Framework, ACEs work, Early Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, and more.
- Provide clear information about the options for transportation in the region for families and caregivers.
- Integrate services, systems, and practices between agencies, organizations, and community members to fully support everyone in the region.

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

Supervisory Union (SU) /District (SD)	2015 - 2016	2016-2017
Bennington Rutland SU	87.5%	91.7%
Springfield SD	86.7%	63.4%
Two Rivers SU	83.1%	80.3%
Windham Central SU	87.3%	90.4%
Windham Northeast SU	87.5%	81.9%
Windsor Central SU	91.4%	87.5%
Windsor Southeast SU	67.0%	85.7%