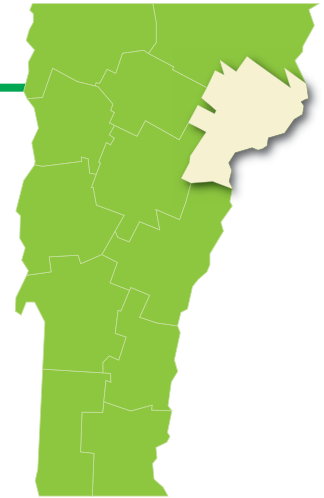
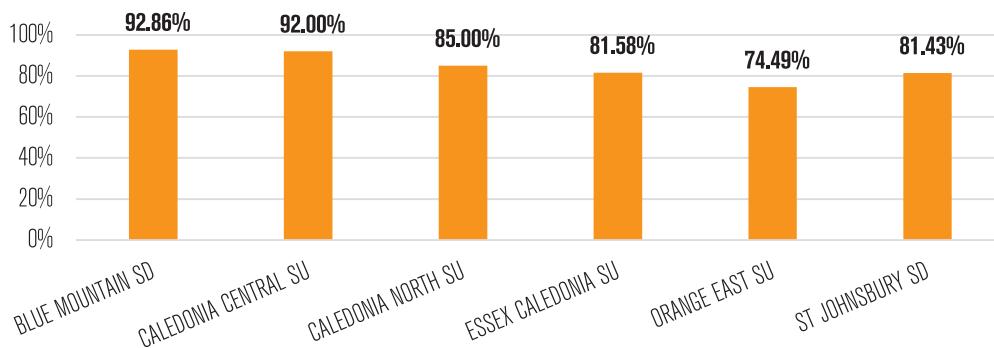


Caledonia & Southern Essex Region



2015-2016 R4K!S Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten



Child Population

under age 9

2014

-9.5%

3,118 CHILDREN

DECLINED

2011 **3,444**

STARS Participation

2016

73.5%

61 PROGRAMS

IMPROVED

2010 **21.2%**

21 PROGRAMS

Immunization Rates

2015

59.3%

290 CHILDREN

IMPROVED

2013 **52.8%**

262 CHILDREN

Children in DCF Custody

under age 9

2014

11.55

rate per 1,000
36 CHILDREN

INCREASED

2012 **6.77**

rate per 1,000
23 CHILDREN

About the region

The Building Bright Futures Caledonia/ Southern Essex Region encompasses towns in three counties: Caledonia County, the southern portion of Essex County, and a small portion of upper Orange County. This area is part of the Northeast Kingdom and among the most sparsely populated in Vermont. A strong history of area logging and agriculture play an important role in the area's changing and struggling economy.

The Building Bright Futures Caledonia/Southern Essex Regional Council has a long and robust history of working together to address regional needs. In addition to high poverty rates, families struggle with homelessness, substance

abuse, and other issues leading to higher involvement with Family Services Division. Lack of a transportation infrastructure is a barrier for families receiving services. These factors can also influence school readiness.

The regional council will be working together in 2016–2017 to address priority areas including:

- Poverty;
- Substance abuse;
- Housing; and
- School readiness.