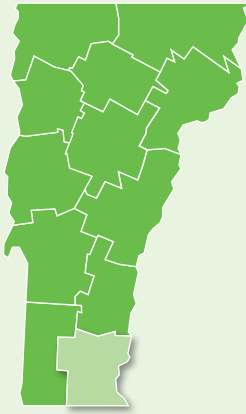


Southeast Vermont Region

About the Region



The Southeast Vermont region has a vibrant early childhood landscape, including a large proportion of high quality early care and learning programs, dedicated service providers, and collaboration and investment from school districts, healthcare providers, and more recently, local businesses. The dedication and collaboration are highlighted in the annual Month of the Child in the area and increased promotion of resources. Even with this investment, both the proportion of children under 6 living in poverty and the children in DCF custody have increased between 2010 and 2016. These indicators shine a light on the overall health of children and families.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

For 2019, the Regional Council, in collaboration with other groups and organizations, will focus on:

- Increasing child care capacity
- Maternal and child health, including social-emotional development
- Pre-kindergarten policy
- Child and family safety

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

The percent* of children under 9 years old **increased** from 44.5% (3,174) in 2010 to **45.6%** (2,902) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
45.6%

**Denominator is children under 18 years old.*

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

under age 6

The percent of children under 6 years old living in poverty** **increased** from 37.6% (793) in 2010 to **49.8%** (907) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
49.8%

***Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level*

CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

under age 9 (rate per 1,000)

The rate† of children under 9 years old (per 1,000) in DCF custody **increased** from 10.9 (33) in 2012 to **30.3** (88) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
30.3

†As of September 30th each year.

STARS PARTICIPATION

The percent of regulated child care, early learning, and afterschool programs with 1-5 STARS‡ **increased** from 46.1% (41) in 2010 to **72.6%** (45) in 2018.

INCREASED TO
72.6%

‡As of June each year.

Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten

SUPERVISORY UNION/DISTRICT	SCHOOL YEAR 2015-16	SCHOOL YEAR 2016-17	SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18
Windham Central SU	Unavailable	90.4%	95.4%
Windham Northeast SU	87.5%	81.9%	82.5%
Windham Southeast SU	76.0%	87.0%	86.0%
Windham Southwest SU	100.0%	93.3%	93.3%