



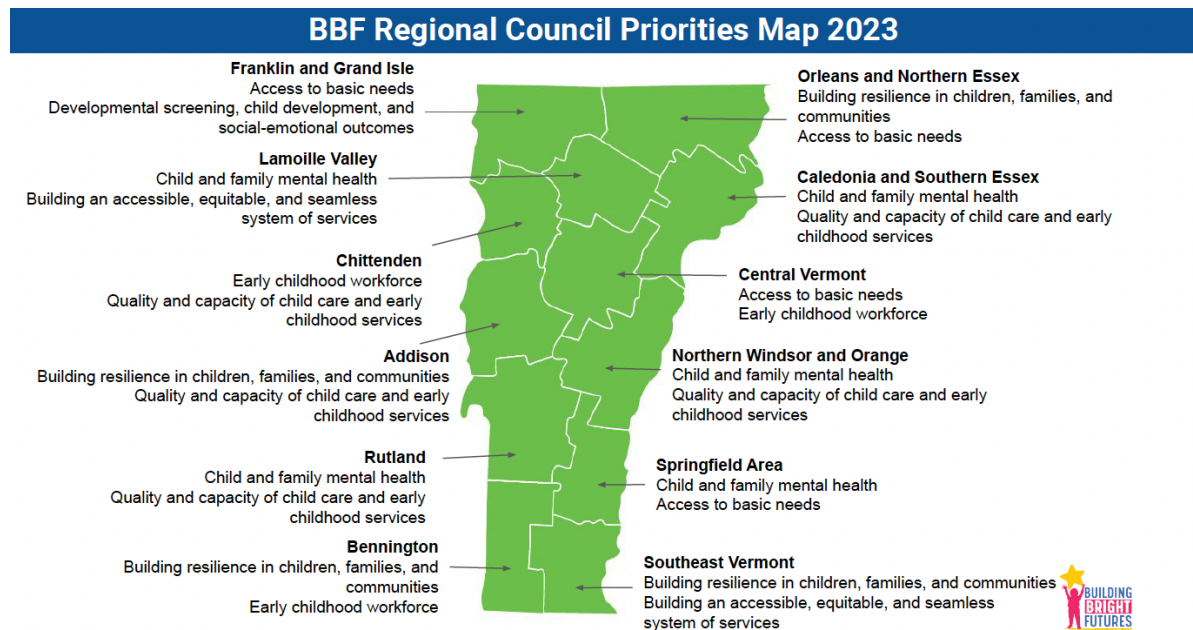
Central Vermont Regional Action Plan 2023-2024

Building Bright Futures' Regional Councils bring together early childhood stakeholders to identify gaps, share expertise and resources, elevate regional and family voices, and implement strategies in each respective region. These strategies include identifying gaps for children and families and aiming to improve access to services and supports across early care, health, and education for young children and families in their communities. Regional Council members are crucial to each stage of this process, both in official convenings of the Regional Councils and within the early childhood system more broadly.

The 12 Regional Councils are mandated to support an integrated system of early care, health, and education at the local level under Vermont Statute Title 33 § Chapter 46. In alignment with, and with support from, the State Advisory Council, Regional Councils are tasked with coordinating and implementing services in accordance with system and regional priorities. Regular Regional Council meetings are just one way that this mandate is fulfilled.

Early childhood stakeholders from across Vermont bring their perspectives together through Regional Councils 8-10 times a year. Participants at regional tables include professionals in physical and mental health, social services, basic needs, early childhood care and education, and pre-K-12 education; families of children under 9; and community members invested in the well-being of young children.

Annually, each Regional Council sets two regional priorities to guide their work. The map at right illustrates the top two priorities of each region, showcasing the similarities and differences among the 12 regions in Vermont.





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Below you will find a plan outlining work to make progress for each priority as well as additional strategies and actions of the Central Vermont Regional Council.

Central Vermont

Activity/Function	Council Time	VECF/ Council Funds	Strategic Partner- ships	BBF Staff Time	BBF Network	Notes and status
Regional-State Coordination via BBF Network						
Share information across early childhood partners	X		X	X		
Identify opportunities for partnership and resource alignment	X	X	X	X		
Acknowledge and address regional concerns	X	X		X	X	
Increase alignment between regional and statewide work	X			X	X	
Convene regular Regional Council meetings	X			X		
Priority Issue: Workforce Development - Promote quality through training and professional advancement, supporting recruitment efforts, promote a stable workforce through economic security strategies (benefits, incentives, supplemental wages).						
Identify & host/convene key partners working to address early childhood workforce related issues	X		X	X		
Support partner strategies and programs addressing workforce development in the region or the network		X	X	X		
Sponsor events and projects related to workforce development in the region		X	X	X		

Of note, this plan is a guide and is adaptable as priorities evolve, situations arise, and needs change.



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Join workforce development tables and groups in the region	X			X		
Share information and efforts in the region related to workforce development	X		X	X		
Priority Issue: Access to Basic Needs - Respond to system gaps to improve access for families to high-quality opportunities that meet their needs (child care, including pre-K, special education, mental health services, etc.)						
Discussion about gaps around access to basic needs (panel discussions and presentations of people or organizations)	X		X	X		
Gain deeper understanding via trainings, data collection of the current landscape around access to basic needs in the region	X	X		X		
Share information and efforts in the region related to access to basic needs	X		X	X		
Support partner strategies and programs addressing access	X	X	X	X		
Identity regional initiative and connect them with Vermont Early Childhood Fund	X	X	X	X		
Consistent request to partners around the gaps and how BBF and Regional Council could support filling the gaps	X		X	X		

Resources: Council members and partners, BBF Network, VECF grantees, Regional Manager, Regional Council funds

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Definitions

Council Time - Partners dedicating time to attend the council meeting, how the council time is used to build relationships, information sharing, and collaboration sharing accomplished together

Resources - Funds allocated to support council priorities by BBF, or awarded through other sources like the Vermont Early Childhood Fund or outside grants/sponsorships

Strategic Partnerships - Establishing or developing connections between the Council (Regional Manager or Council members) and other regional partners. This can be 1:1, attending other coalition meetings, or convening small working groups.

BBF Staff Time - Time dedicated by the Regional Manager or other BBF staff to support a council effort (communication, data, planning, etc.)

BBF Network - Elevating a regional gap or need through the BBF Network to inform decision-making. This could be submitting an issue to the 'emerging priorities' document, bringing an issue to a VECAP committee for further discussion, identifying data gaps, or informing BBF SAC policy recommendations.

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