



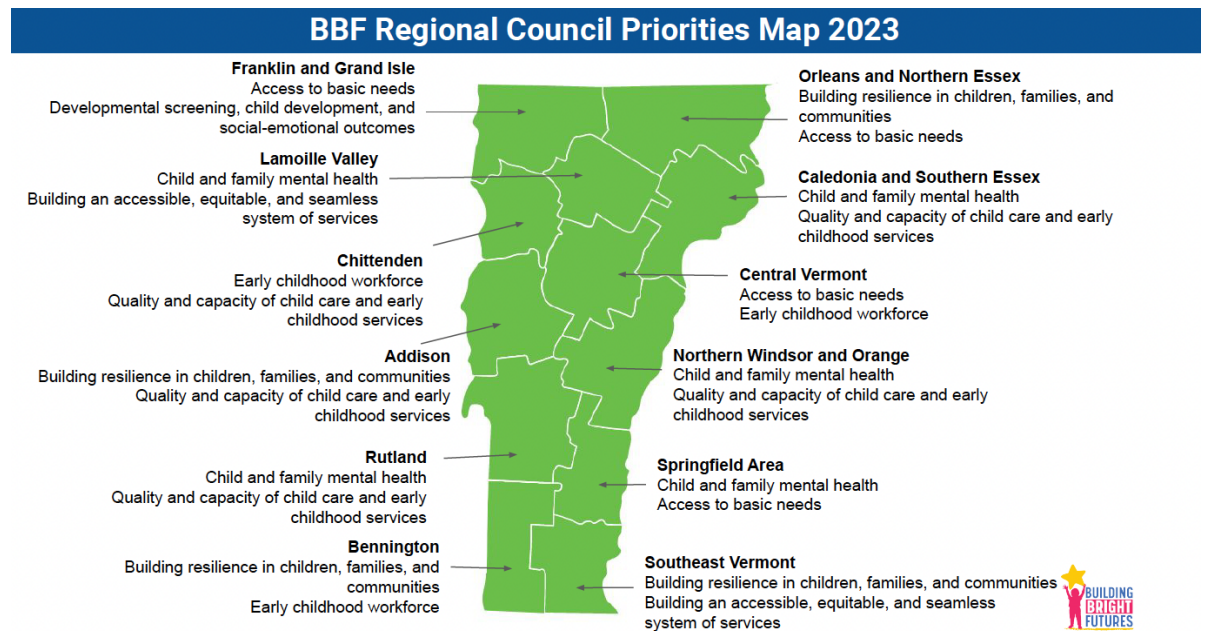
## Southeast Vermont Regional Action Plan 2023-2024

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 Southeast Vermont Regional Council.

Activity/Function	Council Time	VECF/ Council Funds	Strategic Partner- ships	BBF Staff Time	BBF Network	Notes/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		
Acknowledge and address regional concerns through emerging issues doc, committees, SAC etc.	X	X		X	X	
Increase alignment between regional and statewide work	X		X	X	X	
Convene regular Regional Council meetings	X			X		
<b>Priority Issue: Building child, family, and community resilience</b> - Working with families, programs, and communities to ensure that children reach their optimal well-being and potential. Promote education and training caregivers about resilience and the impact of trauma, promote screening and early identification, and connect children and families to support.						
Identify key partners to engage around resilience building in the community	X		X	X		Leadership team identifies contacts. The Regional Manager does outreach, schedules meetings to build relationships, invites to council discussion, etc. Priorities: Children's Integrated Services, New Beginnings, Groundworks, Brattleboro Retreat, Connected Parents/Connected Kids, Trauma Prevention/Resilience Building Director - Kheya Ganguly, Family Maternal Health
Conduct assessment to identify emerging gaps and needs	X			X	X	Gather information through interviews, data collection, panel at Council, adding to BBF emerging priorities. Populations underserved—gaps; Collect and review data—who is served well? Who is not?



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Partner with autism support workgroup	X	X	X	X		Identify gaps/challenges/successes available for parents and caregivers of children with autism
Promote family leadership and engagement regionally and statewide	X	X	X	X		Hold a council meeting with a panel of parents/staff doing family engagement and leadership, sponsor activities, connect to BBF Families and Communities Committee (trainings)/Parent Child Center, etc.
Promote engagement and connectedness to build family and community resilience. Promote events and activities to families through the calendar (classes, playgroups) and beyond.	X		X	X		Identify activities/events that should go in the calendar, promote what is listed to families, engage partners at the Council, develop materials for outreach, etc.
Identify trainings, resources, projects focused on trauma and resilience	X	X	X	X		The Regional Manager and council will identify what exists/gaps for trainings for: trauma-informed care for birthing people (prenatal, birth, postpartum), resiliency training with judiciary, trauma-informed pediatric dentistry, campaign around risk and protective factors for the community, healthy relationships training
<b>Priority Issue: Building an accessible, equitable, and seamless system of services - Creating a system where families know where to get help when they need it.</b>						
Conduct assessment to identify emerging gaps and needs	X			X	X	Gather information through interviews, data collection, panel at Council, adding to BBF emerging priorities. Populations underserved—gaps; Data—who is served well? Who is not?
Identify key partners to engage around resilience building in the community	X		X	X		Priorities: Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), Children's Integrated Services, Agency of Human Services, The Root Social Justice Center
Promote early child development through the Basics. Continue to convene The Basics subcommittee	X	X	X	X		Chaired by Sandi Stark/Parent Child Center
Convene substance use disorder (SUD) partners to	X	X	X	X		Host a panel at a council meeting, partner engagement:



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discuss strategy around SUD in perinatal population and within families						Brattleboro Retreat, Turning Point, other prevention partners. Target to childcare/others serving families impacted by SUD
Maintain connection and promote the impact of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation program to train New Vermonters to become child care providers	X	X			X	BBF published blog, host presentation, promote through BBF network as a statewide model

### 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.