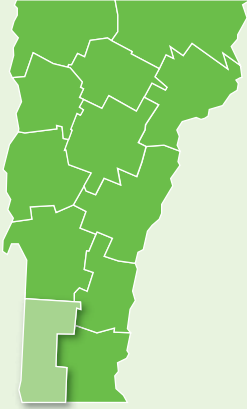


Bennington Region

About the Region



Bennington County has a long history of cooperation with families, organizations, and programs to support positive outcomes for children and families. Bennington has a high rate of poverty, maternal depression, and children in DCF custody. These indicators affect the economic well-being of the region and the resilience of children and families. Bennington's council identified early detection, early intervention, workforce development, and social-emotional health for children and their families as regional priorities.

In support of this Bennington has:

- Piloted the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment. The Professional Development Committee is advancing additional cross-sector learning opportunities including Pyramid Model trainings and Flip-it.
- Provided cross-sector professional development to ensure a well-trained workforce with a common language and expectations.
- Supported building capacity to serve all children needing specialized services (CIS) and a smooth transition to school-based services. Bennington's CIS team supported the increase in children receiving early intervention services.

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

(2017)

Decreased by -6% from 3,346 in 2012

3,133
children under 9

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY* (2017)

Decreased by -23% from 56.5% (1,269) in 2012

43.5% (870)
children under 6

*Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

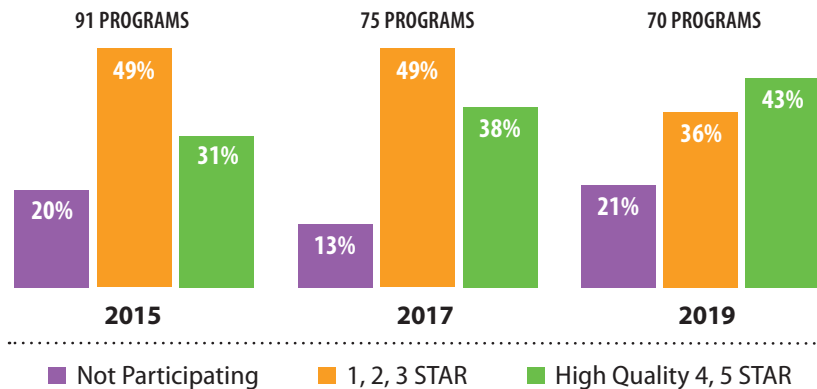
CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY** (2019)

Increased by 52% from 42 in 2014

64
children under 9

**As of September 30th each year

STARS Rating of Regulated Programs by Year*



*As of June for each year.

Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten

SUPERVISORY UNION / DISTRICT

2018-19

Battenkill Valley SU	88.5%
Bennington Rutland SU	87.9%
Southwest Vermont SU	80.7%
Windham Southwest SU	94.9%