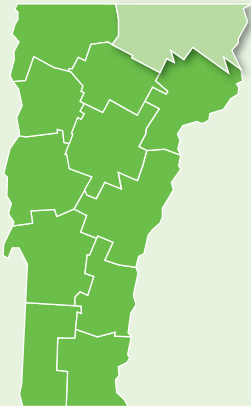


# Orleans & Northern Essex Region

## About the Region



The Orleans & Northern Essex Region's leaders are committed to improving the lives of young children and their families. A focus of the Council is on informing early childhood professionals and parents about the impact of poverty and trauma on infant brain development and early childhood social-emotional development.

In partnership with the Building Flourishing Communities group, the Council is advancing community-led action and strategies aimed at preventing adverse childhood experiences and strengthening resilience.

More than half of children under age 6 are living in poverty, the highest rate of all regions, and significantly higher than the state rate of 38%. Job security is a factor in assisting families to move out of poverty; access to childcare plays an important role in keeping employment.

The Regional Council has identified child care capacity and workforce development as another priority area, due to the lack of child care programs in the region.

## Current Status

### CHILD POPULATION

(2017)

**Consistent** with 2,566 in 2012

**2,539**  
children under 9

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY\*

(2017)  
**Decreased** by -3% from 54.4% (879) in 2012

**52.7%** (807)  
children under 6

\*Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

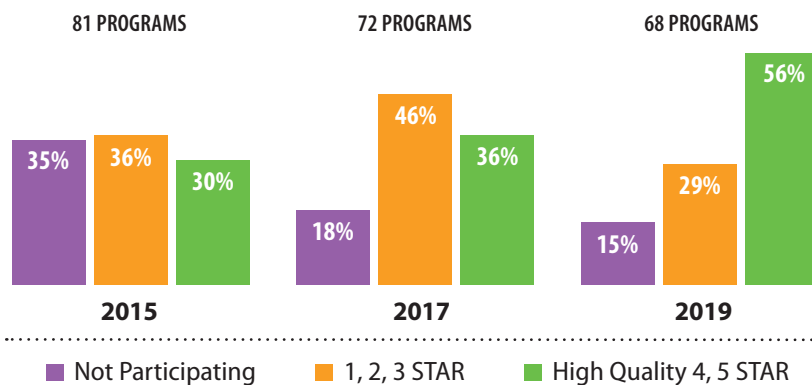
### CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY\*\*

(2019)  
**Increased** by 257% from 14 in 2014

**50**  
children under 9

\*\*As of September 30th each year

## STARS Rating of Regulated Programs by Year\*



## Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten

SUPERVISORY UNION / DISTRICT	2018-19
Essex North SU	66.67%
North Country SU	84.36%
Orleans Central SU	66.07%