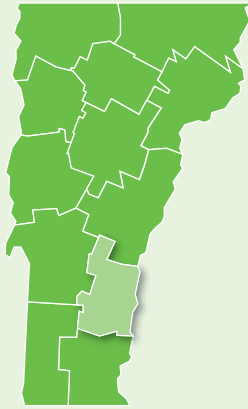


Springfield Area Region

About the Region



The Springfield Area has a strong sense of working together across sectors to improve outcomes for children despite persistent challenges, including poverty and other factors (almost half our children under 9 live 200% below the poverty line) and a high number of adults reporting poor mental health. To support families through these challenges, the Council intentionally partners to create and strengthen programs such as the Welcome Baby Bag project and Same Page Initiative. The Council recognizes the importance of family engagement and building relationships among partners including Supervisory Unions, child care providers, and families to mitigate these impacts and support thriving children.

This year the council worked to:

- Strengthen the nutritional education that child care providers deliver with the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program
- Support family engagement activities through festivals, parenting classes, and local trips to support family needs and provide child development education

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

(2017)

Decreased by -7% from 3,024 in 2012

2,802
children under 9

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY* (2017)

Consistent with 48.0% (912) in 2012

47.7% (894)
children under 6

*Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

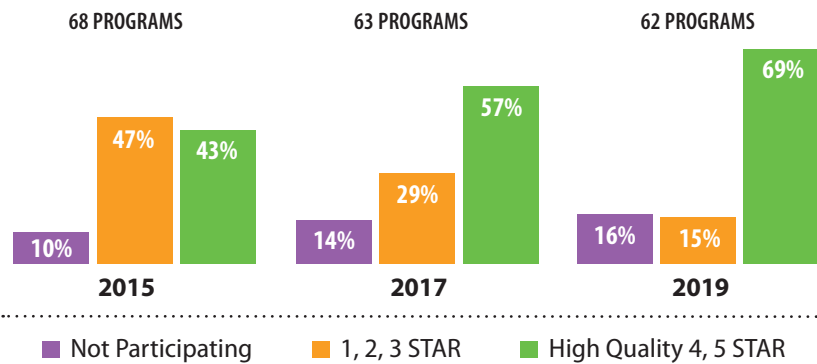
CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY** (2019)

Consistent with 33 in 2014

33
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

Bennington Rutland SU	87.9%
Springfield SD	84.8%
Two Rivers SU	91.0%
Windham Central SU	80.7%
Windham Northeast SU	80.6%
Windsor Central SU	78.7%
Windsor Southeast SU	76.6%