

About the Regions

BBF's regional infrastructure has a presence in every corner of the state and in all communities. These 12 Regional Councils bring together early childhood stakeholders to identify gaps; share expertise and resources to break down silos; elevate regional and family voice; and implement strategies to respond to the needs of each and every child and family in their respective area.

Statewide, nearly 250 people bring their perspectives together on Regional Councils on a monthly basis. Early childhood stakeholders across regional tables include professionals in physical and mental health, social services, basic needs, early childhood education, PreK-12 education, families of children under 9, and community members invested in the well-being of young children.

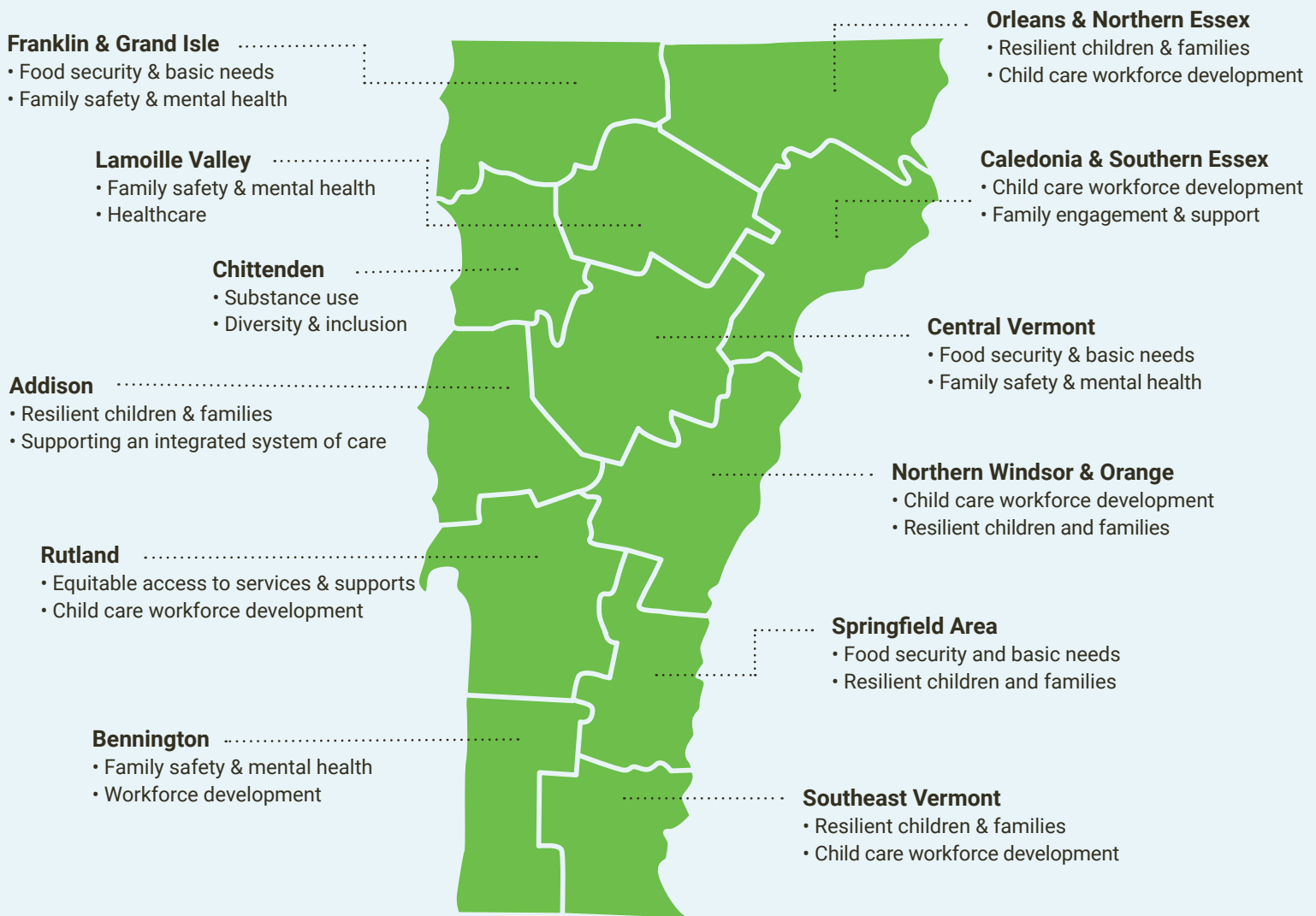
Regional councils serve as critical mechanisms to elevate regional innovations, successes, and barriers to state partners and to implement state policies and best practices at the regional level.



BBF REGIONAL PRIORITIES 2020

The following pages offer a snapshot of each region with a highlighted project and selected indicators of child and family well-being.

Each Regional Council has an action plan to guide decisions and activities. While each plan covers the different parts of the Early Childhood system, two priorities are identified to share across the state. The map below shows the strengths of the regional council infrastructure in allowing for local priority setting as well as the connections between regions across Vermont.

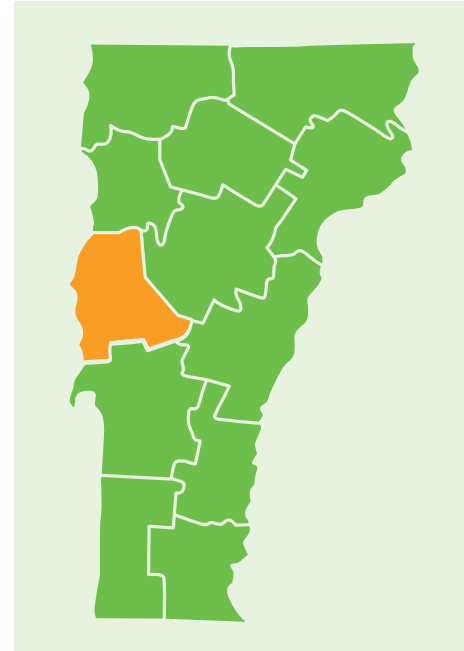


More information about each region including monthly council meetings and updates can be found at buildingbrightfutures.org/what-we-do/regional-councils/

Addison

Since 2018, the Addison Regional Council has focused on fostering resilience within the community. Public and private partners along with families and community members joined together, launching a public awareness and education campaign for youth resiliency called 'OK, you've got this' which is aligned with **VECAP Goal 1: All Children Have a Healthy Start**.

During the Covid -19 pandemic, the campaign shifted to, **"OK, We'll get through this."** to ensure family basic needs were met within the community. The project responded by creating a resource page (bit.ly/COVID-OK) that includes a series of videos to offer help with stress and the return to school. Throughout the region, trainings and activities are offered for school staff, parents, early educators, and others in the community. This resilience work reinforces the Early Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (EMTSS) framework, and the Pyramid model which has been implemented in the region, becoming part of a continuum of care for Addison County children.



Current Status

CHILD POPULATION (2018)

2,901 children under 9

Decreased by 4% from (3,007 in 2013)

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (2018)

34.0% children under 6 (632)

Decreased by 23% from (44.0% - 872 in 2013)

CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CUSTODY (2019)

45 children under 9

Increased by 80% from (25 in 2014)

Educational Assessments

SUPERVISORY UNION / SCHOOL DISTRICT

Addison Central SD
 Addison Northwest SU
 Addison Rutland SU
 Mount Abraham Unified SD

KINDERGARTEN READINESS (FALL 2019)

91.6%
84.4%
84.2%
93.6%

3RD GRD READING PROFICIENCY (SPRING 2019)

49.0%
59.2%
43.8%
47.5%



"OK, you've got this" continues to support families and help children believe in their ability to handle life's inevitable challenges.