

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.

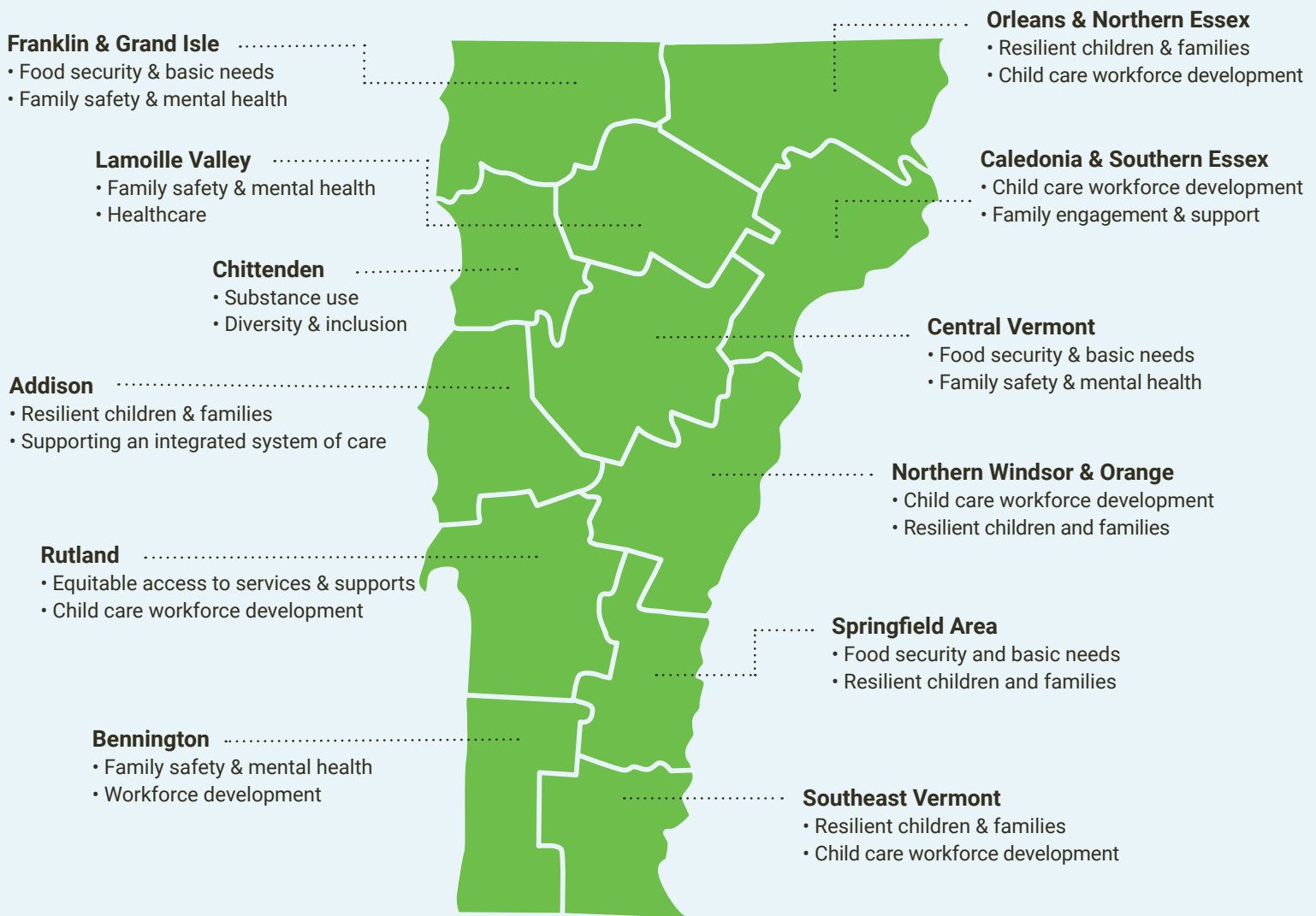
Regional councils serve as critical mechanisms to elevate regional innovations, successes, and barriers to state partners and to implement state policies and best practices at the regional level.



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.

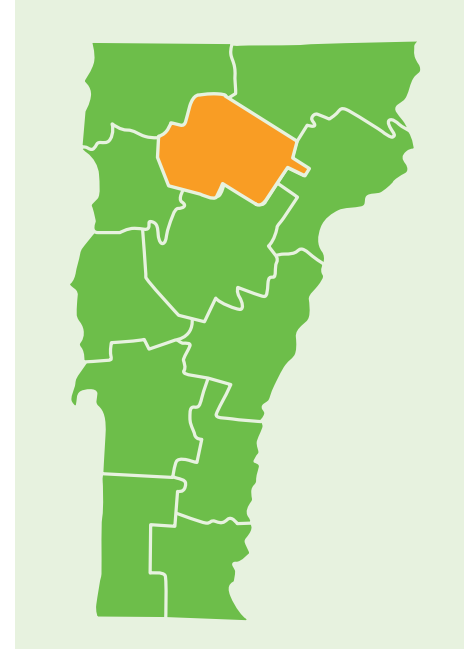


More information about each region including monthly council meetings and updates can be found at buildingbrightfutures.org/what-we-do/regional-councils/

Lamoille Valley

Maternal and child health and well-being has been a significant focus area for the Lamoille Valley Regional Council in line with **VECAP Goal 1: All Children Have a Healthy Start**. The Council believes to do this well, it takes integration across health, education and community supports to fully support families and young children. In order to encourage greater collaboration and resource and information sharing, the Council has joined forces with the local maternal and child health coalition to co-host monthly meetings.

The Council also supports the Lamoille Family Center and Applesed Pediatrics DULCE (Developmental Understanding and Legal Collaboration for Everyone) project team in their efforts to perform comprehensive social determinants of health screenings for families with newborns. Additionally, the Council continues to sponsor home visits and “Welcome Baby” gift bags for families with newborns in the region. To support families during the public health crisis while programs were not meeting in person, the Council and Lamoille Family Center distributed activity bags with books, developmentally appropriate toys and craft materials to support families even when they could not attend programs in-person.



Current Status

CHILD POPULATION (2018)

2,927 children under 9

Decreased by 8% from (3,184 in 2013)

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (2018)

47.4% children under 6 (955)

Increased by 13% from (42.1% - 908 in 2013)

CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CUSTODY (2019)

24 children under 9

Increased by 26% from (19 in 2014)

Educational Assessments

SUPERVISORY UNION / SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lamoille North SU
Lamoille South SU
Orleans Southwest SU

KINDERGARTEN READINESS (FALL 2019)

72.9%
86.5%
92.6%

3RD GRD READING PROFICIENCY (SPRING 2019)

36.2%
56.6%
36.6%



Thanks to this integration, the Council has been able to move beyond their traditional focus on childcare and education to explore many aspects of maternal and child health.