



# REGION 11 SNAPSHOT INFOGRAPHIC

Using a Collective Impact Model, between September 2022 and June 2023, we led our Action and Family Councils through data discussions to identify gaps and needs for children and families.

We coordinated focus groups, interviews, and surveys to gather input from community members across the Region.



**8,122**

Children Under  
the Age of 6  
in Region 11



**2,996**

Children 0-5  
at 200% Federal  
Poverty Level



**2,332**

Children 0-5  
Without Publicly  
Funded ECEC Slots

**76%**

Percentage of children ages birth to five who do not have a slot at a licensed or license-exempt child care center or home.

“The bottom line is that we do not have enough programs or child care spots available for the children in our area. My children should not have to sit on a waitlist.” - Parent, Douglas County

**After identifying the most common and pressing Early Childhood Education & Care (ECEC) needs of their communities, Regional Councils made recommendations for how best to meet them.**

## **REGION 11 NEEDS**

1. More child care options for children ages birth to two
2. Transportation for children attending preschool programs
3. More full-day child care options
4. Adjusted licensing standards and policies for providers
5. Accurate and more current data for ECEC programs

## **REGION 11 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Promote community creation of family child care homes to expand options for children ages birth to two
2. Increase funding for public and school transportation
3. Increase support for Head Start & Early Head Start Programs
4. Make quality improvement and staff credentials easier to obtain for non-state funded programs



**"In rural, low-income, spread-out area it is hard to connect families to resources like child care with the lack of transportation and funds."  
- Parent, Cumberland County**