



REGION 13 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.



9,203

Children Under
the Age of 6
in Region 13



4,314

Children 0-5
at 200% Federal
Poverty Level



2,613

Children 0-5
Without Publicly
Funded ECEC Slots

68%

Percentage of children ages birth to five who are without a slot in license and license-exempt child care centers and homes.

“Not having infant care up to this point has been a huge barrier. I get calls every day for infant care. We called every center within a 20 mile radius of the college and every single one was full with a waitlist for infants.”

- Community Member, Jefferson 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 13 NEEDS

1. A highly qualified and fully staffed workforce.
2. Improved access to preschool and Birth to Three programs.
3. Additional child care options for all families.
4. Information sharing and a family navigation system.
5. Family counseling and behavior support services.

REGION 13 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Expand access to current publicly funded programs with full-day classrooms, transportation, and Birth to Three programs.
2. Expand access to licensed child care for children ages birth to two.
3. Continue funding the Regional Office of Education #13 Early Childhood Collaboration to become a central navigation system.
4. Improve access to high-quality mental health supports/services.



"When I was transitioning from a babysitter to the day care options, I messaged around 15 places and they said they could put me on the waitlist which was a year and a half long."

- Parent, Jefferson County