



# REGION 26 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.



**4,598**

Children Under  
the Age of 6  
in Region 26



**2,345**

Children 0-5  
at 200% Federal  
Poverty Level



**675**

Children 0-5  
Without Publicly  
Funded ECEC Slots

**64%**

Percentage of children ages 0-2 who do not have a slot in a licensed or license-exempt child care center or home

“After seeing the waitlist, we just had to wait until after our child turned three to enroll him in child care.”

- Parent

**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 26 NEEDS**

1. Greater access to services for children with disabilities
2. More child care slots for children ages birth to two
3. Transportation or closer access to programs and services

## **REGION 26 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Increase adaptive and therapeutic services by forming a local group of health providers, school districts, and private companies
2. Help local colleges develop and implement a pathway to improve the workforce for providers
3. Educate parents and caregivers about Early Childhood developmental milestones and existing programs
4. Increase the number of licensed family child care homes to reduce travel time for families



**“We are at a point now where you have to find a child care spot for your child before they are even born.”  
- Community Member**