



REGION 28 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.



5,500

Children Under
the Age of 6
in Region 28



2,400

Children 0-5
at 200% Federal
Poverty Level



3,200

Children 0-5
Without Publicly
Funded ECEC Slots

50 miles

Average distance families
travel to access prenatal care
and Early Intervention services

"I have to travel 90 miles, round trip, twice a week for my child to receive speech and physical therapy services. I'm a stay-at-home mom with reliable transportation. Not everyone has this luxury."

- Early Intervention 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 28 NEEDS ACCESS

- Access to affordable full-day ECEC options
- Access to family support services including Early Intervention, Child Welfare, and Maternal & Child Health
- Access to community services such as public transportation, high-speed internet, and housing and food assistance

REGION 28 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Implement state level systems that actively and routinely seek parent/caregiver and care provider input about the barriers that exist and exclude participation in current programming
- Develop community-level collaborations to enhance service offerings for children and families
- Improve agency-level marketing strategies to ensure families within all communities are aware of available services



“I didn’t know where Kewanee was, but I heard they had a shorter waitlist for housing than Chicago... I hopped on the train, and here I am. I don’t get to see my friends as much, but it’s a better life for my kids.”

- Parent, Henry County