



REGION 30 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.



6,972

Children Under
the Age of 6
in Region 30



3,922

Children 0-5
at 200% Federal
Poverty Level



2,136

Children 0-5
Without Publicly
Funded ECEC Slots

82%

Percentage of children in the Region who do not have a slot at a licensed or license-exempt child care center or home

“Good, dependable, affordable, child care is pretty much nonexistent around here for us!”
- Parent, Jackson 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 30 NEEDS

1. Increased funding to decrease slot gaps for children ages 0-5
2. Increased funding to help recruit and retain a more racially diverse ECEC workforce
3. Transportation for getting children to/from child care facilities
4. More resources for families with children with disabilities

REGION 30 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Elevate the needs of young children and families in regional planning and conversations
2. Support regional efforts to create a comprehensive and readily available online resource directory and referral platform
3. Increase efforts to expand licensed family child care networks
4. Increase staffing, training, and equipment for programs to provide care and education for children with disabilities



“I cried when I saw the 14-month waiting list. It seems child care is turning into a business without a focus on quality. If people really cared, there are many ways to improve the child care system.”
- Community Member