

# REGION 34 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.



**50,660**

Children Under  
the Age of 6  
in Region 34



**12,902**

Children 0-5  
at 200% Federal  
Poverty Level



**8,945**

Children 0-5  
Without Publicly  
Funded ECEC Slots

**69%**

The percentage of children ages 0-5 who do not have access to ECEC services, also known as a slot gap

"This is a major issue! Raising kids costs money! Families cannot afford to raise children in our Region without assistance."  
- Community Member

**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 34 NEEDS**

1. Need to attract and retain ECEC workforce.
2. Lack of awareness of continuing education opportunities
3. More child care slots in all program options.
4. Address the high cost of child care.
5. Increase services for children with disabilities.

## **REGION 34 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Increase child care slots across all publicly funded programs.
2. Increase child care slots across all child care centers and home-based programs.
3. Create a centralized hub for resources and services.
4. Provide quality workforce, recruitment, and retention.
5. Build partnerships with universities and colleges to help create a pipeline of qualified early education teachers.



**"All the Child Care programs here in Lake County are full or have a waiting list."  
- Family Council Members**