



REGION 35 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.



7,973

Children Under
the Age of 6
in Region 35



3,682

Children 0-5
at 200% Federal
Poverty Level



2,276

Children 0-5
Without Publicly
Funded ECEC Slots

88%

Percentage of children ages birth to five who do not have access to Early Childhood Education and Care in LaSalle, Marshall, and Putnam Counties

“We are a two-income household, working in education and it is still a struggle. There are not a lot of options for child care centers and most home child care providers are filled.” - Parent, LaSalle 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 35 NEEDS

1. Expanded ECEC programming to includes more locations, transportation options, and non-traditional work hours.
2. Increase outreach/education for support services and child development.
3. Support for staff retention.
4. ECEC support for families who are immigrants and refugees.

REGION 35 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Create a well-marketed, easy-to-navigate, attainable coordinated intake that allows families to find all services and resources within their community.
2. A regularly planned community-based event that provides standardized screeners for Prevention Initiative and Early Intervention to all children.
3. Increase interest in the field, re-evaluate wages and benefits, and provide quality professional development for administration and staff.
4. Establish a local collaboration within Region 35 to address the needs of familes and the Early Childhood Education and Care system.



“I have an Early Childhood Education background. I started looking for care one year in advance only to find long waiting lists.”
**- Community Member,
LaSalle County**