

# REGION 49 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.



10,694

Children Under  
the Age of 6  
in Region 49



5,300

Children 0-5  
at 200% Federal  
Poverty Level



2,104

Children 0-5  
Without Publicly  
Funded ECEC Slots

1 in 3

Number of Rock Island County children who can attend ECEC programming based on the number of available child care slots.

“Ask anybody on the street who is responsible for ensuring ECEC centers’ existence; most people would say it’s a private business. Ask the same person who is responsible for ensuring K-12, and they will say the State. That’s a fundamental problem.” - 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 49 NEEDS

1. A strong and diverse ECEC workforce
2. Accessible, affordable, and quality child care and services
3. An ECEC system that is easy to navigate
4. Specialized and specific services to meet the needs of children, families, and providers

## REGION 49 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recruit and promote a diverse workforce through supporting ECEC coursework, modeling self-care and healthy practices, and providing mentorship opportunities
2. Develop a centralized intake system that connects families with the appropriate ECEC services based on their individual needs
3. Equip educators with the knowledge and skills needed to create culturally affirming learning environments



“A lot of individuals do not understand how to access or apply for services. These resources are here for **you** – to help **you!**”  
- Parent