

Region 13 Discussion Notes

Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, Washington

General Comments

- A large number of children are below poverty level in our area.
- The demographic data are indicative of the region's population.
- The low percentage of diversity is not surprising.
- Data is as expected.
- A lot of families are unserved.
- We are very familiar with the programs and the distribution of them. There are large numbers of students left on wait lists for programming.
- Lack of evening and weekend care.
- There is agreement that more full day programs are needed.
- Positive family development training is needed.

Strengths/Assets

- Knowing the child care programs and services available in our area - A really great CCR&R and other community supports.
- ROE 13 is currently serving 730 students in Preschool For All (PFA) programming.
- Willingness to work together and support each other; no competitiveness.

Needs/Challenges

- Better pre-K/Head Start programs (No Early Head Start in Jefferson County).
- Workforce.
- Availability of certain resources.
- Outreach to underserved at-risk families.
- Services for families.
- Transportation to programs/child care for working families.