

## **Region 39 Discussion Notes Macon, Piatt**

### **General Comments**

- There is a need for additional early childhood programs.
- The areas that have the highest poverty have fewer programs.

### **Strengths/Assets**

- Partnerships. There is an established United Way.

### **Needs/Challenges**

- There aren't enough slots and there are not enough qualified workers to fill the child care jobs.
- One of the centers that closed specialized in special education supports so now those families are struggling to find adequate care.