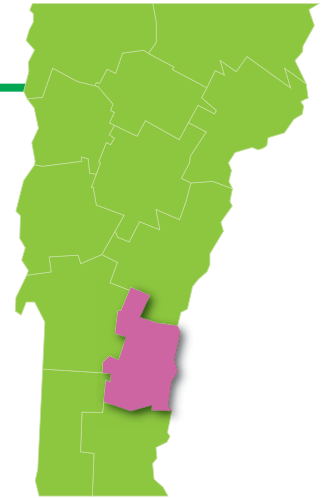
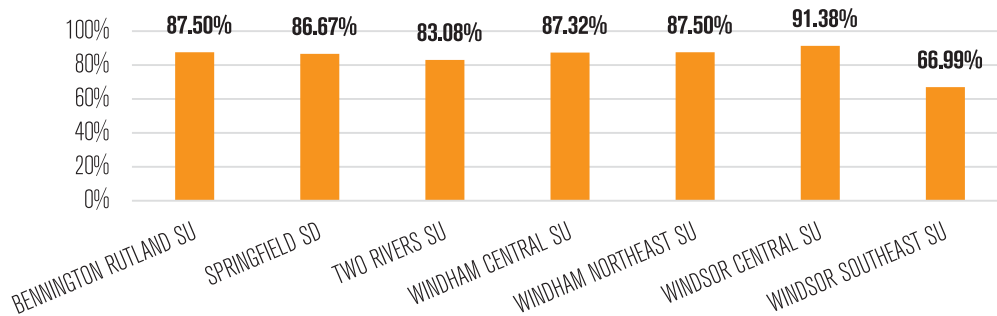


Springfield Area Region



2015-2016 R4KIS Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten



Child Population

under age 9

2014

-4.5%

2,961 CHILDREN

DECLINED

2011 **3,102**

STARS Participation

2016

87.5%

56 PROGRAMS

IMPROVED

2010 **31.43%**

22 PROGRAMS

Immunization Rates

2015

57.9%

278 CHILDREN

IMPROVED

2013[†] **32.8%**

161 CHILDREN

Children in DCF Custody

under age 9

2014

11.14

rate per 1,000
33 CHILDREN

INCREASED

2012 **9.92**

rate per 1,000
30 CHILDREN

About the region

The Springfield Area Building Bright Futures Region is composed of 12 towns in northern Windham and southern Windsor Counties. The region is rural in nature with greater concentrations of population located along the Connecticut River. Major employers include industry, health care, and other services.

The Springfield Area Building Bright Futures Regional Council has representation from a variety of different sectors including schools, public safety, child care providers, libraries, churches, a parent child center, and state agencies. The council determined the greatest need in this region is to ensure all children and families have the support they need to be socially and emotionally healthy.

The council's three priorities are:

- Providing education on developmentally appropriate behaviors using existing events, as well as traditional and non-traditional programs and approaches;
- Assisting to expand capacity for mental health services so all children and families who need services receive them in a timely manner; and
- Providing education around adverse childhood experiences to community and service providers to better understand the impact of trauma on one's life and what can be done to mitigate these effects.