### **Geographic Region**



NH Early Childhood Region 1 encompasses 61 towns and 25 school districts with an area approximately 100 miles long along the border of Vermont and over 40 miles wide in parts. Within our region, Claremont and Keene are the locations for most regional services, such as family supports and home visiting, DHHS/DCYF Offices, Developmental Services Area Agencies, etc.). West Central Behavioral Health (Lebanon) and Monadnock Family Services (Keene) are the regional mental health organizations. The Connected Families NH project, with offices in Keene and Claremont, also serves this region. According to the interactive map's 2015-2019 data, a high concentration of towns in

our region (13 of our 61 towns) are in the medium range (1.1%-3.7%) for children under 6 years old living below the federal poverty line. This appears to be the highest concentration across the state. Seven towns show high rates of child population for children under age 5, and 26 towns were in the medium range. Only 3 of our 61 towns scored in the high range on the Access to Licensed Childcare scale, 11 were in the moderate range, 44 were in the low range and 3 towns showed no access at all. This indicates that 77% of our region's towns have little to no access to licensed child care. Thirteen of our towns indicated 8%-29% of their children under 19 as having no health insurance. Twenty-four towns were in the medium range (2.8%-7.9%) for children under 19 with no health insurance. Two of our towns show high populations of immigrants and nine are within the medium range for immigration.

In summary, the interactive mapping tool indicates that NH Early Childhood Region 1 encompasses a vast geographical area with sparse services. Families in our region experience significant challenges in accessing licensed child care and health insurance, and many are living below the poverty line.

# 61 Towns within Region 1:

Acworth	Enfield	Jaffrey	Orange	Swanzey
Alstead	Fitzwilliam	Keene	Orford	Temple
Antrim	Francestown	Langdon	Peterborough	Troy
Bennington	Gilsum	Lebanon	Plainfield	Unity
Bradford	Goshen	Lempster	Richmond	Walpole
Canaan	Grafton	Lyme	Rindge	Warner
Charlestown	Grantham	Marlborough	Roxbury	Westmoreland
Chesterfield	Greenfield	Marlow	Sharon	Wilmot
Claremont	Greenville	Nelson	Springfield	Winchester
Cornish	Hancock	New Ipswich	Sullivan	
Croydon	Hanover	New London	Sunapee	
Dorchester	Harrisville	Newbury	Surry	
Dublin	Hinsdale	Newport	Sutton	

# 25 School Districts within Region 1 (SAU # District):

1 ConVal	70 Hanover	92 Hinsdale
6 Claremont	71 Lempster	93 Monadnock
29 Keene	75 Grantham	94 Winchester
32 Plainfield	76 Lyme	96 Sullivan
43 Newport	78 Rivendell Interstate	99 Croydon
47 Jaffrey-Rindge Co-op	85 Sunapee	100 Cornish
60 Fall Mtn. Regional	87 Mascenic	102 Goshen
62 Mascoma Valley Reg.	88 Lebanon	
65 Kearsarge Regional	91 Surry	



#### **5 Family Resource Centers:**

- HCS Health Starts
- The Grapevine
- The River Center
- TLC
- Waypoint

## 3 Early Childhood Coalitions:

- Claremont Learning Partnership
- Early Care and Education Association
- Impact Monadnock

## **Interactive Mapping Tool for NH Regions**

To assist interested parties in identifying and connecting with regional partners, please see the <u>map of the identified Regions and a listing of the towns in each region</u>. The associated <u>interactive mapping tool</u>, developed by NH PDG partner Abt Associates, supports partners in identifying needs within regions. View the <u>Interactive Mapping Tutorial recording</u> for more information.