



# **ECCS**

**Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington**

***Presentation to***  
**Southington Board of Education**  
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## Goals of Early Childhood Collaborative

- 1) Advocating for high quality preschool and childcare
- 2) Empowering parents, families and childcare providers through workshops and educational programs
- 3) Being a wide-ranging resource for community members on the subject of early childhood care and education

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## Supporting the Community

- Hosting workshops for parents and providers
- Encourage Pre-K and K registration
- Books and math kits for incoming K students
- Answer questions about childcare options
- Participate in and publicize community events
- Share other training opportunities with providers
- Active on social media
- Maintain list of resources on ECCS website
- Update Community Plan with data on early childhood

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From July 2016 to January 2018, 19 months, the ECCS hosted 14 workshops and exhibited at 9 community events. Our website has 35 new articles or pages and 60 new listings in the Town Resources section.

Thanks to:

SHS Admin and staff

Math and Literacy specialists

Special Ed, PT, OT

Library Media

Kindergarten teachers

## ECCS Funders

Organization	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Community Foundation of Greater New Britain – Fiscal Agent	Yes	Yes	Through 12/31/17 Re-apply for 2018
Petit Family Foundation			Yes
Main Street Community Foundation – Bristol Brass General Grant Fund and the Fuller & Myrtle Barnes Fund for Education			Yes – K Readiness
Main Street Community Foundation – Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust			Yes – Healthy Children Initiatives
Main Street Community Foundation - Women & Girls Fund	Accreditation Project	Music/Movement Project	Not Eligible
William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund	Yes	No, but extension	Not funding
State of CT – Office of Early Childhood	Yes	Yes	Budget Line Cut
Southington Education Foundation	Math Project		

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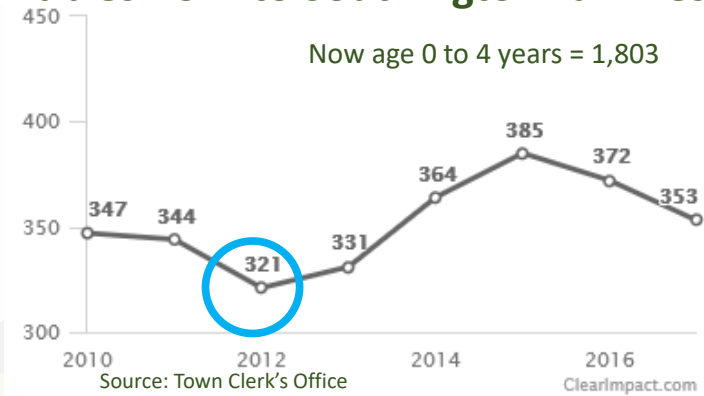
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July 1-June 30 Fiscal Year

## How Many Young Children Are There?

### Babies Born to Southington Families



Per Connecticut Town Profile  
So. age 0 to 4 years =  
2,411 ( $\pm 361$ )  
5.53% ( $\pm 0.83\%$ ) of total  
population

<http://profiles.ctdata.org/profiles/>

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Is birth rate in Southington declining or increasing? 2012 is lowest year, those are in Kindergarten now.

Age of data obtained locally is more current than from State.

## Southington Births in 2014

	Total Births	Foreign Born Mothers	%
Southington	363	54	14.9
White non-Hisp	315	31	9.8
Black non-Hisp	4	3	75
Other non-Hisp	14	12	85.7
Hispanic	28	6	21.4
Unk Race/Ethn	2	2	100

Source - State of CT Public Health Data, 2014 Annual Registration Report, Table 4  
<http://www.portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/Files/RR2014.xlsx?la=en>



In 2013, there were 42 births to foreign born mothers or 12.7%  
 In 2012, there were 50 births to foreign born mothers or 15.6%

### Country of Origin for 2013 foreign born mothers

- Albania – 3
- Algeria – 1
- Austria – 1
- Belarus – 1
- China – 2
- Republic of China/Taiwan – 1
- Columbia – 1
- Canada – 1
- Dominican Republic – 1
- Germany – 1
- Haiti – 1
- India – 5
- Jordan – 2
- Lebanon – 1
- Macedonia - 1
- Mexico – 1

Peru – 2  
Pakistan – 1  
Poland – 5  
Portugal/Azores – 1  
Puerto Rico – 1  
Paraguay – 1  
Russia – 1  
Senegal – 1  
Sudan – 1  
Turkey – 1  
United Kingdom – 1  
Vietnam - 1  
Yugoslavia - 1

## Southington Births in 2014

- Adequacy of Prenatal Care (APNCU Index)

• Non-Adequate	125	34.6%	(up from 26.4% in 2013)
• Late or None	46	12.7%	(up from 7.6% in 2013)
• Adequate	144	39.9%	
• Intensive	92	25.5%	

- 1 birth to a teen <18 and 7 to teens <20

Source - State of CT Public Health Data, 2014 Annual Registration Report, Tables 4 and 11  
<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=394598>

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Latest data available from this source.

Total of 35 births to teens age 15 to 19 from 2010 to 2014. (Table 13)

### Background:

The Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization (APNCU) Index attempts to characterize prenatal care (PNC) utilization on two independent and distinctive dimensions - namely adequacy of initiation of PNC and adequacy of received services (once PNC has begun). The index uses information readily available on U.S. birth certificates (month of initial PNC visit, number of visits, and gestational age). It is a major improvement over existing indices, and is consistent with the 1985 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist (ACOG) recommendations for PNC utilization. This index does not assess quality of the prenatal care that is delivered, only its utilization.

More details are at [http://www.ipodr.org/Overview\\_APCUIndex.pdf](http://www.ipodr.org/Overview_APCUIndex.pdf)



## Childcare Costs

- Childcare costs = in-state UConn tuition
- Costs driven by adult-child ratios
- Nursery Schools
  - Age 3-5: \$146-310 per month, PT, 2-3 days/week
- Centers
  - Infants/Toddlers: \$200-\$265 per week FT
  - Preschool: \$150 -\$245 per week FT

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Currently, UConn tuition is \$10,524 annually for in-state students plus \$2,842 in mandatory fees year = \$13,366,

\$250/week = \$13,000 per year, \$200/week = \$10,400 per year

The Margaret Griffin Center, thanks to State and United Way funding charges on a sliding scale. The Southington YMCA offers financial assistance.

## Care4Kids

- A state childcare subsidy for low-moderate income families
  - Be working or attending a temporary family cash assistance approved education or training activity
  - Family income limit of less than 50% of the State Median Income (SMI) = \$54,296.00 for family of 4
- Cuts in eligibility due to State budget issues from August 2016 to November 2017.
  - June 2016 – 121 Southington children
  - March 2017 – 93 Southington children
  - November 2017 – 71 Southington children
- Currently open to new families but proposal in Governor's Budget Deficit Mitigation Cuts would close again.

Source: <http://www.ctcare4kids.com/>

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10 home-based Care 4 Kids providers in Southington. 7 of them are providing care for relatives and 3 hold a family child care license. 7 Centers accept Care4Kids Reduction in families receiving Care4Kids impacts the family and the childcare provider as families need to pull out of the program or need alternative assistance.

**TANF** = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Federal program

### **Income Guidelines For New Applications and Redeterminations received on or after October 1, 2016**

The income limit for families applying for Care 4 Kids must be less than 50% of the State Median Income (SMI).

**Effective November 2017**, the program was reopened to working families.

**Effective December 31, 2016**, the eligibility for former TANF recipients (PG2) and teen parents ages 18 and 19 who attend high school or equivalent (PG3) is currently closed due to funding limitations and these applicants will be placed on a Wait List.

The program remains closed to working families (PG4) due to funding limitations and these applicants will also be placed on a Wait List.

The program eligibility for TANF recipients (PG1) remains open.

**Until July 30, 2016** - The income limit for active families on the Care 4 Kids program is 85% of the State Median Income. Open to all 4 groups.

## Family Childcare Providers

	Age	#	Licensed Capacity	Enr – Fall 2016	Vac – Fall 2016
Infant	0-23 months	30	60	36	15
Preschool	2-5 years	30	120	67	26
School Age	5-12 years	30	90	26	28

Women-owned small businesses owned run out of their homes.  
 Licensed, registered and inspected. Must meet training requirements.  
 Limited to 2 infants and up to 6 pre-school age, plus school age.

Source: CT 211 Childcare's Child Care Capacity/Availability/Enrollment Report – Fall 2016

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The number of FCC providers is declining. Was 36 in 2014 and 35 years ago there were over 300.

## Licensed Childcare Centers

	Age	#	Licensed Capacity	
Centers	0 – 5, 6, 8, 10 or 12 yrs	10	846	Total capacity
	0-35 months	8	332	Infant/Toddler capacity
School Age Only	5 to 12 yrs	7	499	YMCA School Age Programs

Source: CT <https://www.elicense.ct.gov/Lookup/LicenseLookup.aspx>

	Age	#	Capacity – Fall 2016	Enr – Fall 2016	Vac – Fall 2016
Infant	0-17 months	8	137	44	19
Toddler	18-35 months	8	147	60	19
Preschool	3-5 years	11	468	282	49
School Age	5-12 years	11	601	433	91

Source: CT 211 Childcare's Child Care Capacity/Availability/Enrollment Report – Fall 2016

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Born to town residents – 331 to 385 per year over last 4 years.

## Pre-Schools

	Age	#	Estimated Capacity
Nursery Schools	3-5 years	4	230
School based PreK	3-5 years	4	162

### Nursery Schools

- Village Green Nursery School – Full for 2018-2019
- Plantsville Community Nursery School – CLOSING June 2018
- Zion Lutheran Nursery School
- YMCA Nursery School

### School Based Pre-K programs

- Southington Catholic
- Central Christian Academy
- Southington HS Early Childcare Program
- SPS at Hatton and Strong

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List of all Southington childcare providers and other resources at <http://www.southingtonearlychildhood.org/resources>

## Care Gaps in Southington

### Large Gap for Infants

Total infant capacity = 199

137 (up to 17 months at Centers ) + 60 (up to 23 months at FCC)

### Smaller Gap for Preschoolers – 18+ choices in town

Total age 3-5 capacity = 860 + FCC

486 licensed at Centers and estimated 392 at Preschools

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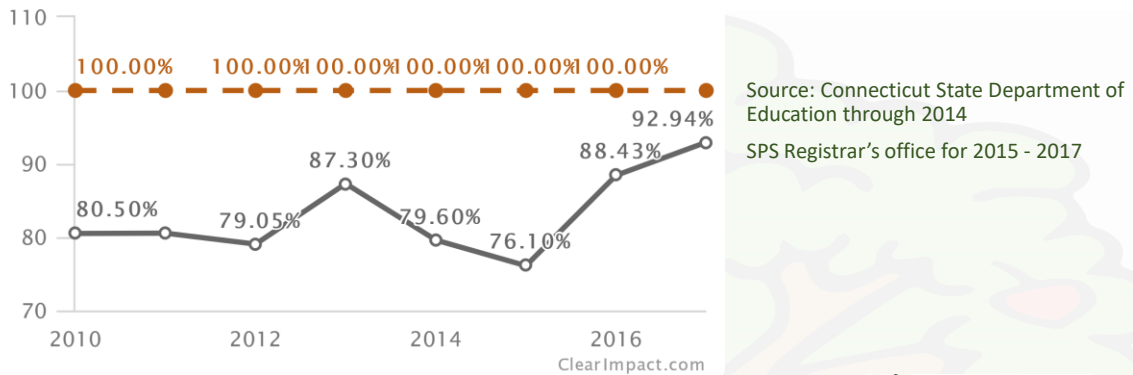
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Total infants = Over 700 - 372 born in 2016 + 353 born in 2017

Total 3+4 year olds = Over 700 = 331 born in 2013 + 364 born in 2014. 417 currently enrolled in K.

## Children With Preschool Experience



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For 2017-2018 year, as of September 2017, 401 of the 422 registered for K attended a preschool, 98 outside of Southington/Plantsville. As of January 2018 - 408 of 439 registered attended a preschool. 417 currently enrolled.

For 2016-2017 year, as of September 2017, 367 of the 415 registered for K attended a preschool, 99 outside of Southington/Plantsville.

For 2015-2016, 312 of the 410 registered for K attended a preschool.

## State of CT and OEC

- Action on Universal Preschool
- School Readiness Grant program
- Provider Quality Improvement, Training Requirements and Rating Systems
- CT Early Learning and Development Standards
- Care4Kids funding

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## Upcoming ECCS Events

- January 29, 2018 Kindergarten Registration Information Session 2018
- February 8, 2018 ECCS Board Meeting
- February 15, 2018 Workshop: Special Needs Support for Young Children
- February 25, 2018 Health Family Funfest 2018
- March 15, 2018 Workshop: Pretend Play, Brain Growth and the Outdoors
- March 26, 2018 Nursery School Showcase 2018
- March 29, 2018 ECCS Board Meeting
- May 15, 2018 ECCS Annual Meeting and Presentation

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## Thank You

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