

# Early Childhood Collaborative of the Greater Helena Area



## Our Mission

With the focus on the whole child, we promote community collaboration to network resources, streamline services in support of the health, safety, care and education for children ages prenatal through eight years and their families in the greater Helena area.

## Snapshot: Lewis and Clark County

**72,580**

Population

**3,941**

(5.4%)

Population under 5 years old

**63.9%**

Children age 0-6 that can be served by licensed child care capacity

**14.8%**

Childhood Food Insecurity Rate

**15.4**

Per 1,000

Children age 0-5 in foster care

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**Population by County, Population Under Age 5:** U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, American Community Survey 2023, 5-year estimates, Table S0101.

**Children Age 0-6 That Can Be Served by Licensed Child Care Capacity:** Montana Kids Count Data Center (2024). Percent of all children under age 6 that can be served by regulated child care capacity. *Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Early Childhood and Family Support Division.*

**Childhood Food Insecurity Rate:** Montana Kids Count Data Center (2022). Child food insecurity. *Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap.*

**Children 0-5 in Foster Care:** Montana Kids Count Data Center (2023). Children age birth to 5 in foster care. *Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division.*