



United Way for  
Greater Austin

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## 2018-2019 Public Policy Agenda

United Way for Greater Austin brings people, ideas and resources together to fight poverty in our community. Together with community leaders and partners, we're leading the charge to create sustainable and lasting solutions to poverty and the cycle that holds people in it. Since 1924, UWATX has been dedicated to providing families and individuals in need with the tools and resources needed to thrive. We believe active participation in policy is critical, not just to furthering the impact of our work, but to driving lasting systemic change.

The 2018-2019 policy agenda addresses the root causes of poverty while supporting our three pillars of work: (1) Caring for immediate needs through our Navigation Center, (2) breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty through Family Economic Success and (3) ensuring every child enters kindergarten happy, healthy and prepared to succeed through Success By 6.

Increase access to evidence-based home visiting programs for eligible families.

Increase access to and quality of public school Pre-K for eligible families with three- and four-year-old children.

Increase access to and quality of child care and out-of-school programming for working families with low income.

Support affordable housing initiatives for families with young children and low income.

Cultivate awareness of and support for the UWATX Navigation Center and our collective-impact and systems-change work among public officials.

Build relationships with local Independent School Districts and Austin Community College Trustees and leadership to more closely align our work.

Increase access to health and mental health supports and services for families with low income.



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