

# 2019-23 STRATEGIC PLAN

## A 2,000 DAY JOURNEY: YEAR 3 UPDATE

*Note: Some data was not collected due to COVID-19		2019 DATA	2020 DATA	2021 DATA	2023 TARGET	ON TRACK
OVERALL MEASURES	Children who enter Kindergarten school-ready	48%	*Not collected	*Not collected	70%	NO
	Children from families with low income who enter Kindergarten school-ready	38%	*Not collected	*Not collected	70%	NO
	Confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect (children ages 0-5)	1,376	1,430	1,205	0	NO
HEALTHY BEGINNINGS	Families who receive a postnatal home visit from Family Connects	768	856	891	4,275	YES
SUPPORTED FAMILIES	Children under 3 from families with low income whose parents participate in research- or evidence-based home visiting or parent education services	9%	9%	11%	9%	YES
QUALITY CARE AND EDUCATION	Full-day early care and education centers that are rated Texas Rising Star 4-Star or higher and serve children ages 0-5 from families with low income	52%	53%	60%	70%	YES
	Children ages 0-5 from families with low income in early care and education centers rated Texas Rising Star 4-Star or higher	62%	67%	71%	70%	YES
	Eligible three-year-old children enrolled in public pre-K in Travis County school districts or other high-quality early education settings	23%	17%	17%	50%	NO
	Eligible four-year-old children enrolled in full-day public pre-K in Travis County school districts	78%	74%	80%	85%	YES
SAFE AND STIMULATING COMMUNITIES	Bright By Text and Ready Rosie sign-ups	3,838	4,075	4,161	6,000	YES
	City and County spending on early childhood development and learning, per child from families with low income	\$241	\$247	\$255	N/A	YES

## INCREASED PUBLIC FUNDING

The City of Austin and Travis County prioritized spending on early childhood development and, as a result, investment in learning increased by \$8 per child. Since 2017, local investments in early childhood have increased by a total of \$84 per child, not including COVID-19 relief funds that prioritized investing in early childhood as part of the plan to ensure an equitable economic recovery. The City and County have collectively committed \$15.1 million in ARPA funds for the early childhood ecosystem in Austin over the next three years. This marks a turning point in Austin identifying early childhood systems as essential to our economic infrastructure. ARPA funds are now being allocated to address the gaps in early child care, increasing access for families. These are indicators that our Coalition's work to highlight the importance of the early childhood period on lifelong health and our community's economic future is resonating.



## IMPROVED VISIBILITY ON FAMILY NEEDS AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES

The first few days and weeks home with a new baby can be a challenging time for all families, and research indicates that more than 90% of families can use some additional support. Family Connects, which supports local families with a newborn, expanded; now more hospitals are participating and more families will receive this service. This offers better visibility on family needs and helps new parents connect to important resources they need to be successful.



## LOCAL ACCESS TO HOME VISITING AND PARENT EDUCATION SERVICES

Across the state of Texas, only 3.9% of children benefit from evidence-based home visiting services but, thanks to multiple streams of public and private funding, 11% of Travis County families now participate in these services.

## IMPROVED ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE AND SUPPORT FOR HOME-BASED CHILD CARE

For the first time, 71% of children from low-income families ages 0-5 who are enrolled in early care and education centers are learning in a program that is rated as high-quality (Texas Rising Star 4-Star or Nationally Accredited), surpassing our goal of 70%. In addition, the Coalition launched new efforts to family-/home-based child care with unique resources to improve capacity and quality in settings where many families with low income seek and find child care.



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