Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data





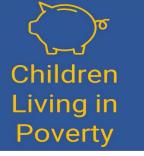


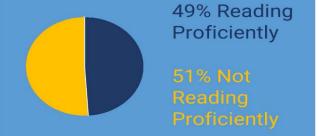
Percent of
Children
Receiving
Subsidies
Enrolled in
Quality Rated
Child Care











Confirmed Victims of Abuse & Neglect



Early Language
Exposure &
Development



Learning to Read



Reading to Learn

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On behalf of the hosting partners

United Ways of Texas (UWT) is proud to partner with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to offer you the learning series - Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data, a virtual learning opportunity built specifically for early childhood community collaboratives.

Our state has a wealth of public data for young children, but accessing that data can be confusing and overwhelming. Each state agency captures data at different levels, such as child/student, school or provider. This data is available through various different portals and websites, often making it difficult to access and understand. It is our hope that this learning series will help to unveil just how available and accessible this data is.

Consider the power and impact that your collaboratives could have if you could easily access state and community-specific data to help inform and guide your decision-making process. A goal in this learning series is that each of your collaboratives will walk away with that power, as you hear directly from speakers that can attest to different ways in which data has been helpful, how community-level early childhood data can be accessed, and what next steps your collaborative can take to successfully integrate that data in to your work.

Each of you already understands the importance of working across sectors in your communities to support families with young children. We hope that through this learning series, you will walk away with a better understanding of how to access and use data that will ultimately increase the impact of your collaborative's work.



LEARNING SERIES OVERVIEW



April:

Join DFPS and United Ways of Texas for the first session discussing the magical value in using data. Hear from various experts as they share their "why" and how data is advancing their work. Discuss your why and who needs to be at the table.



May:

The second session focuses on your community vision and how data can support that vision. Hear from various experts from TEA, TWC, and DFPS Licensing as they dive into data and explore how to access data from their agencies.



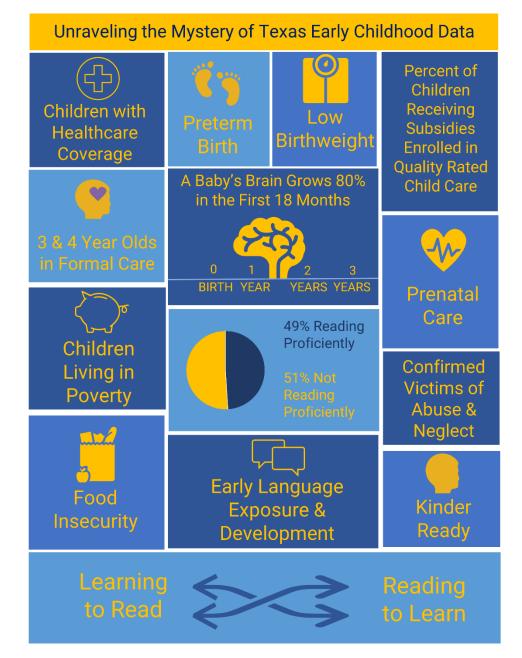
June:

The third session will reflect on the previous sessions and discuss what the data says about your community. Hear from various experts from HHSC, DSHS, and DFPS PEI as they dive into data and explore how to access data from their agencies.



July:

The final session will reflect on the previous sessions. Hear from communities as they share how using early childhood data has strengthened their work. Take the lessons learned from all sessions to strategize next steps for your community.



PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data

April 28, 2021 9:00-11:30AM





Welcome and Our Why - Sarah Abrahams, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Prevention and Early Intervention, TX Department of Family and Protective Services

Overview & Understanding Your Why? - Adrianna Cuellar Rojas & Roxanne Jones, United Ways of Texas

The Magical Value in Using Data

Various experts share their "why" and how data has advanced their work

- Using Data to Bring Resources to Work: Matthew Randazzo, President & CEO, Dallas Foundation
- Using Data to Identify Community Issues: Dr Dorothy Mandell, Associate Professor, UT Health Science Center Tyler
- Using Data to Address Community Impact and Advance Equitable Impact:
 Dr Charles Martinez, Dean College of Education, University of Texas at Austin
- Using Data to Drive Systems Change: Dr. Cynthia Osborne, Director, National Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center; Founder/Director, Child and Family Research Partnership, University of Texas at Austin

Overview of State-level Early Childhood Data – Amy Knop-Narbutis, Research & Data Director, Every Texan, Kids Count

What's Your Why and Who Needs to be at the Table? - Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, United Ways of Texas

Wrap Up and Next Steps - Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President and CEO, United Ways of Texas

DFPS – Welcome and What's our Why

Sarah Abrahams, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Prevention and Early Intervention, TX Department of Family and Protective Services



As you hear from the DFPS PEI Leadership, write down any insights into their why:			
What's Your Why?			
Why are you here? What is your inspiration? Do you see overlap			
between your why and others you've heard?			



The Magical Value in Using Data

Data to Raise Funds and Resources Matthew Randazzo, President & CEO, Dallas Foundation



I had an "A-ha" moment:	I have an idea:
I have a question about:	I want to share with my collaborative:
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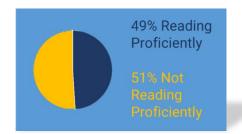
The Magical Value in Using Data

Data for Planning/Identifying Issues

Dr. Dorothy Mandell, Associate Professor, UT Health Science Center Tyler,



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The Magical Value in Using Data

Data for Addressing Community Needs/Equitable Impact

Dr. Charles Martinez, Dean, College of Education, University of Texas at Austin



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The Magical Value in Using Data

Data for Determining Policy Action

Dr. Cynthia Osborne, Director, National Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center;

Founder/Director, Child and Family Researching Partnership, University of Texas at Austin



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The Magical Value in Using Data

Overview of State-Level Early Childhood Data Amy Knop-Narbutis, Research and Data Director, Every Texan, Kids Count

Actively engage with the data and resources by clicking on the links below:

Report: Texas KIDS COUNT: Health Equity for Every Child (by Every Texan, 2021)

Social Media Toolkit: A <u>toolkit</u> with sample social media posts with shareable facts, and ready-made graphics Two Pager Infographic (English) (Spanish)





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What's your Why and Who Needs to be at The Table?

Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, United Ways of Texas

Reflection:	
Define your why more precisely.	

WHO IS A STAKEHOLDER?

A key stakeholder is any person (or group of people) who: Is likely to be impacted by the outcome of the decision Voices unheard or typically marginalized perspectives Functions as a connector in or across sectors/fields Is in a position to implement the decision Is in a position to prevent it from being implemented Has relevant information or expertise Has informal influence without authority Is responsible for the final decision

THE ENGAGEMENT DILEMMA

When we increase our stakeholders, it increases the overall involvement. With increased involvement comes various things, such as sharing responsibility, authority, information, and the decision-making process.

BENEFITS	RISKS
You get good, creative ideas	 People may not know enough to participate effectively •
"I am accountable for the results. But how do I balance increasing involvement and getting the decision made."	"What are possible sources of my resistance for increasing involvement."
	 The nature and quality of the result?
	The process for getting there?
	How people behave?
	My own feelings?

Reference: Interaction Institute for Social Change

Who needs to be at your table?		
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Wrap up & Next Steps



Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President/CEO, United Ways of Texas

Reflection:
Share your biggest takeaway from your group.
Review, Preview & Big View
Notes:



Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data

May 26, 2021 9:00-11:30AM





Welcome & Framing of the Day - Sarah Abrahams, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Prevention and Early Intervention, TX Department of Family and Protective Services; Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President & CEO, UWT

Vision in Your Community - Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, UWT

Early Childhood Education and Childcare Data: What You Need to Know - TEA, TWC, and DFPS Licensing

- Julie Richards, Deputy Associate Commission for Program Operations, Health and Human Services Commission, Child Care Regulation
- **S**hay Everitt, Senior Adviser, Childcare & Early Learning Division, Texas Workforce Commission
- Scott Bodnar, Manager, School Programs/Early Childhood Education, Texas Education Agency

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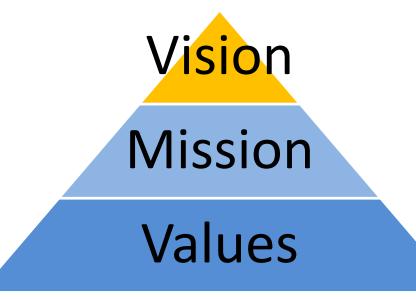
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Vision in Your Community

Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, United Ways of Texas

"If you want to build a ship, do not drum up people to collect wood and do not assign them tasks of work, but rather, teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea." – Antoine de Saint-Expupéry, The Little Prince

Setting direction: Values, Mission and Vision



Components of an Inspiring Vision

COMPONENTS OF AN INSPIRING VISION	EXAMPLES
REFLECTS A HIGH STANDARD OF	"All of our organizing campaigns build power,
PERFORMANCE	leadership, and sense of community."
DESCRIBES A UNIQUE ATTRIBUTE	"We are known throughout the sector as the youth program that most consistently prepares young people for leadership roles."
REPRESENTS FUTURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS	"In three years, former program participants will be in the leadership of the program."
CONJURES UP AN IMAGE OR PICTURE	"By the thousands, people crowd our phone and email lines, asking for our products and services."
PRESENTS A UNIFYING THEME	"We assume effective responsibility for the stewardship of our community open spaces."
APPEALS TO SHARED VALUES	"People can count on us to fulfill the promise of quality and integrity."

Reference: Interaction Institute for Social Change

BRAINSTORM KEY WORDS:	

Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data

Department of Family and Protective Services Licensing – Childcare

Julie Richards, Deputy Associate Commission for Program Operations, Health and Human

Services Commission/Child Care Regulation



Data Sources:

Texas Open Data Portal

Child Care Regulation:

Texas Child Care

Child Care Licensing Statistics Webpage

Data Book Child Day Care Licensing (FY19; FY18) FY20 is still pending

Serious Injury Report (FY20; FY19; FY18)

Child Safety Data for Licensed Day Care Centers

- Child Care Licensing Non-Abuse/Neglect Investigations Information by Age Group FY19
- <u>Child Care Licensing Abuse/Neglect Investigations Information by Age Group FY19</u> (DFPS data but required per S.B. 708 to be posted here in this format)

Day Care Operation Monthly Status Change – new reports that will be updated at the end of each month

- Day Care Operations Weekly Status Changes (Jan 2021)
- Day care Operations Monthly Status Changes (Jan 2021)
- <u>Day Care Operations Weekly Status Changes</u> (Feb 2021)
- Day Care Operations Monthly Status Changes (Feb 2021)

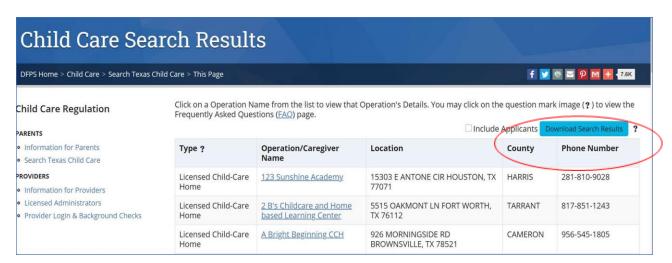
Child Care Regulation

- Child Care Licensing (Provider information) Main Page
- Child Care (Parent information) Main Page

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Search Texas Child Care (shows still on DFPS but it's an HHSC/CCR site)

• Parents can search and download results into an excel by clicking on the Download Search Results button.



Operation Detail's Page

5 years of Inspection Summary

Five Year Inspection Summary

- Inspectors routinely monitor compliance with Licensing standards, rules and law. At a minimum, licensed and certified
 operations are inspected at least once a year; Registered Child Care Homes? are inspected at least once every two years,
 Listed Family Homes? are inspected only if there is a report of abuse/neglect or if we receive a report that the home is caring
 for too many children.
- When operations have serious deficiencies or a significant number of deficiencies, repeat deficiencies, or fail to make corrections timely, they are inspected more frequently by licensing staff, to ensure the health and safety of children in care.
- In the last five years, Licensing conducted the following:
 - 24 Inspections ?
 - 1 Assessments ?
 - O Self Reported Incidents ?
 - 9 Reports ?

Click on the inspection type to see additional details related to each inspection.

• There are many standards that an operation must comply with; the total number varies for each type of operation. An operation or home is generally given an opportunity to correct deficiencies and has the right to request a review of a deficiency. Deficiencies pending review are not included in the Five year history.

5 year Compliance Summary

Five Year Compliance Summary

- During the last five years, 5585 standards were evaluated for compliance at this operation.
- Of the standards evaluated 17 deficiencies were cited. ?

Click on the number of deficiencies to see additional details.

- Each standard is assigned a weight. The weight ensures all inspectors consider standard violations in the same way, and represents the potential impact a deficiency might have on children. Review the inspection reports to learn more about each citation. It's important to remember; weights are not assigned to an individual operation, inspection, or circumstance and are not intended to result in a ranking of operations or score.
- The weights of the standard deficiencies cited in the past five years are as follows:

4 were weighted as <u>High</u>

4 were weighted as Medium - High

9 were weighted as Medium

0 were weighted as Medium - Low

0 were weighted as Low

Click on the weight to see additional details about each deficiency.

5 year Serious Injury and Fatality Summary *Data fields updated as of 4/26/20

Five Year Serious Injury and Fatality Summary:

Please note that the following data is valid as of April 26, 2020. Child Care Licensing did not capture this data prior to this date.

Severity	Total Number of Injuries	Number of Injuries Due to a Violation of Minimum Standards or Rules
Serious	0	0
Near Fatal	0	0
<u>Fatal</u>	0	0
Total	0	0

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Texas Workforce Commission – Early Education
Shay Everitt, Senior Advisor, Child Care & Early Learning Division



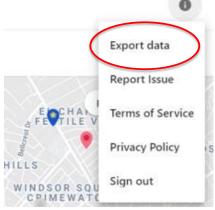
Data Sources:

- Child Care Availability Data go to "i" button at top right and select "export
- data" PK ECE spreadsheet (See Resource Page)
 - Can help a community understand Kindergarten readiness scores, pre-k enrollment, eligible kids not being served by pre-k or Head Start, pre-k class sizes, etc.
 - This is technically Head Start and TEA data, but I've organized it by county, workforce board, and regional ESC to help people filter down to get a snapshot of their own community.
- Child Care by the Numbers
 - Can help a community understand how many Texas Rising Star (TRS) programs there are, how many children are in subsidy, how many children are in TRS programs, etc.
- 801 reports
 - Child-level data for the subsidy program (race, income, etc.)
 - This is useful if you have great data analytics people who can code and analyze the data in a meaningful way.
- State plan
 - Can help communities understand TWC's investments and priorities as they plan their own; reduce duplication; increase coordination
- Market Rate Survey
 - o Can help communities understand how much parents are paying for child care in their region.
- A <u>calculator</u> that helps child care programs calculate how much money they could make if they were TRS
- A <u>calculator tool</u> and <u>how-to video</u> that help child care programs determine how they should set up their pre-k partnership

Texas Child Care Availability Portal-Public

- Statewide data
- CSV file
- All availability by age for each child care program
- With county and other info helpful to conducting local analyses







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Texas Child Care Availability Portal LWDB Dashboard

URL:

https://bi.501ops.com/app/account#/login

Username:

LWDB@twc.state.tx.us

Password: Childcare2020@





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Education Data Sources

Source	What it Offers
AskTED	School and district directory data (district #, school #, address, contact
http://mansfield.tea.state.tx.us/tea.askted.w	info, grades served, administrator info, total enrollment, etc.)
eb/Forms/Home.aspx	School, district, and ESC personnel information
	Some preconfigured reports, some raw data exports
Public Education Information	Geographic Information/Reports
Management System (PEIMS)	Congressional, House, and Senate Districts with school districts and
Standard Reports	campuses
https://tea.texas.gov/reports-and-	State Board of Education Districts with school districts and campuses
data/student-data/standard-reports/peims- standard-reports	Student Reports
standard reports	College credit
	Economically disadvantaged
	English learner program
	English learner student (by category and grade or home language and
	grade)
	Special educationStudent enrollment
	Student program and special populations Staff Populations
	Staff Reports • Staff FTE and salary
	 Staff FTE and salary Superintendent salary
	Teacher FTE counts and student course enrollment
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Education Data Sources, continued

Texas Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR) Prekindergarten Enrollment Report (statelevel)

Texas PK-16 Public Education Information Resource

Texas Public Prekindergarten Programs and Enrollment Ages 3 and 4

Blackor African American

Two or more races

Asian



Public Preki	ndergarten Enrollment for 2019	-20 School Year
248,366 Total Students Enrolled Ages 3 and 4	217,012 (87%) Economically Disadvantaged	89,801 (36%) English Learner
12,343 (5%)	8,042 (3%)	6,776 (3%)
Special Education	Military Children	Homeless
2,256 (0.9%)	124,248 (50%)	124,118 (50%)
Foster Care	Female	Male

Public Prekindergarten Enrollment by Full or Half-Day Program and ADA Eligibility for 2019-20 School Year							
	E. II.			2019-	20		
	Full or	Total Enrolled ADA Eligible		Not Eligible for ADA			
	Half-Day	Students	Percent	Students	Percent	Students	Percent
	Program	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled
Age 3	Full-day	19,791	53%	18,870	53%	921	52%
	Half-day	17,306	47%	16,460	47%	846	48%
	Total	37,097	100%	35,330	100%	1,767	100%
Age 4	Full-day	154,059	73%	143,474	73%	10,585	72%
	Half-day	57,210	27%	53,161	27%	4,049	28%
	Total	211,269	100%	196,635	100%	14,634	100%
Total	Total	248,366	100%	231,965	100%	16,401	100%

Percentage of Students Enrolled American Indian or Alaska Nat Native Hawaiian/Ott Race/Ethnicity



Notes: Percentage of Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Students is 0.1% Percentage of American Indian or Alaska Nat Students is 0.4%

	2019-20 Students Enrolled		
Funding Source			
	ADA Eligible	Not Eligible for ADA	
Foundation School Program	231,965	0	
Local District Share Funding	109,932	.,,	
State Grant Funding	2,353	274	
Federal Funding	25,226	659	
Tuition Fees	348	7,057	
Other Funding	19,811	1,099	

Fublic Frekindergarten Gurricula for 2013-20					
Student	District	School			
Count	Count	Count			
31,501	181	510			
8,276	25	123			
13,426	65	247			
123,164	509	1,643			
1,758	13	26			
40,677	150	617			
25,454	183	429			
	Student Count 31,501 8,276 13,426 123,164 1,758 40,677	Student Count District Count 31,501 181 8,276 25 13,426 65 123,164 509 1,758 13 40,677 150			

by Class Size or Student-to-Teacher Ratio Including Instructional Aides for 2019-20				
	Student Count			
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	Student Count
Class size 1-11	13,796
Class size 12-18	70,145
Class Size 19 or More	160,589
Ratio 1:1-10:1	22,516
Ratio 11:1-15:1	70,943
Ratio 16:1 or More	151,040

Notes: 1. Curricula, class size and student-to-teacher ratio data are based on the Texas Education Agency's Early Childhood Data System (ECDS). 2. Not all schools and districts reported curricula data; schools and districts may use multiple curricula. 3. Counts within categories for Class Size or Student-to-Teacher Ratios are distinct student counts; however, a student may be counted in multiple categories so the total number of students in all categories may exceed the number of PK students enrolled.

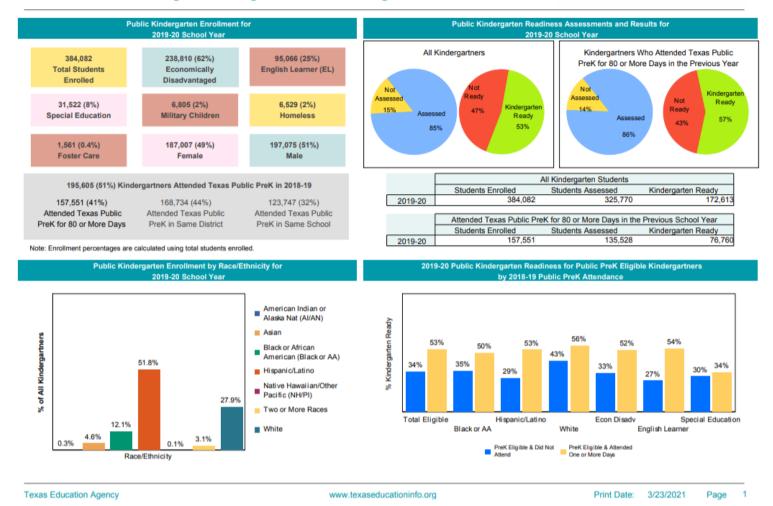
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Texas Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR) Kindergarten Enrollment and Readiness Report (state-level)

Texas PK-16 Public Education Information Resource

Texas Public Kindergarten Programs and Kindergarten Readiness





Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Economically Disadvantaged Report (district-level)

District Name	Region	County Name	District	Charter Status				Eligible For Reduced-Price Meals Percent	Other Economically Disadvantaged Count	Other Economically Disadvantaged Percent	Not Economically Disadvantaged Count	Not Economically Disadvantaged Percent	Total Count
ROUND ROCK ISD	13	WILLIAMSON COUNTY	246909	TRADITIONAL ISD/CSD	10,429	20.47	2,604	5.11	496	0.97	37,424	73.45	50,953

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Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR) Expenditures Report (campus-level)

·	General	%	Per	All	%	Per
	Fund		Student	Funds		Student
Expenditures by Object (Objects 6100-6600)	<u> </u>	<u>'</u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Total Expenditures	5,089,926	100.00	6,052	5,349,196	100.00	6,3
Operating-Payroll	4,946,447	97.18	5,882	5,161,200	96.49	6,1
Other Operating	143,479	2.82	171	187,996	3.51	
Non-Operating(Equipt/Supplies)	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Expenditures by Function (Objects 6100-6400 Only)	·				<u> </u>	
Total Operating Expenditures	5,089,926	100.00	6,052	5,349,196	100.00	6,3
Instruction (11,95) *	3,943,792	77.48	4,689	4,119,203	77.01	4,8
Instructional Res/Media (12) *	114,768	2.25	136	114,768	2.15	1
Curriculum/Staff Develop (13) *	171,925	3.38	204	174,862	3.27	
Instructional Leadership (21) *	98,520	1.94	117	98,520	1.84	
School Leadership (23) *	307,381	6.04	365	307,473	5.75	
Guidance/Counseling Svcs (31) *	164,617	3.23	196	166,322	3.11	
Social Work Services (32) *	7,824	0.15	9	7,824	0.15	
Health Services (33) *	73,061	1.44	87	73,061	1.37	
Food (35) **	0	0.00	0	79,102	1.48	
Extracurricular (36) *	7,924	0.16	9	7,924	0.15	
Plant Maint/Operation (51) * **	167,643	3.29	199	167,666	3.13	
Security/Monitoring (52) * **	32,471	0.64	39	32,471	0.61	
Data Processing Svcs (53)* **	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Program expenditures by Program (Objects 6100-6400 only)						
Total Operating Expenditures	4,881,888	100.00	5,805	5,062,033	100.00	6,0
Regular	3,520,503	72.11	4,186	3,551,122	70.15	4,2
Gifted & Talented	147,175	3.01	175	147,175	2.91	
Career & Technical	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Students with Disabilities	937,095	19.20	1,114	1,082,935	21.39	1,2
Accelerated Education	232,612	4.76	277	233,598	4.61	
Bilingual	44,503	0.91	53	47,203	0.93	
Nondisc Alted-AEP Basic Serv	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Disc Alted-DAEP Basic Serv	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Disc Alted-DAEP Supplemental	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
T1 A Schoolwide-St Comp >=40%	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Athletic Programming	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
High School Allotment	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Prekindergarten	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	

*Please refer to sections 1.4.1 through 1.4.2.1 of Module 1 in the Financial Accountability System Resource Coulde (FASKQ) and Appendix A.6 of the FAR Appendices for information concerning requirements for accounting for expenditures by campus ***Please note that, in many instances, expenditures under function codes 34-99 are not directly attributable to a specific campus. It is recommended that district-level data (http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147495078) be used for the analysis of costs reported by comparable school districts.

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MY COMMUNITY DATA POINTS:		

Wrap up & Next Steps

Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President/CEO, United Ways of Texas



Review,	Preview, and Big View
	Share your biggest takeaway
	Note post session office hours:

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Data in Your Community - Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, UWT Opening activity to reflect on previous sessions and discuss what the data is saying about your community

Early Childhood Education and Childcare Data: What You Need to Know- HHSC, DSHS, DFPS, PEI

- Tammy Miller, Interagency Coordinator and Outreach Team Lead, Health and Human Services Commission
- Niran Gnanaprakasam, Data Team, Health and Human Services Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Program
- Audrey Young, Child and Adolescent Health Branch Manager, Title V
 Children with Special Health Care Needs Director, Texas Department of State Health Services
- Montana Gill, Research Specialist V, Texas Department of State Health Services
- Kathryn Sibley, Director for Research and Safety, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services – Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)

Wrap Up and Next Steps - Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President and CEO, UWT

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Review, Preview, and Big View						
Data in Your Community						
Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, United Ways of Texas						
Reflection Activity - In your breakout groups discuss the following questions:						
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What new data point have I captured that will enhance my collaborative?						
What a is a liquid supporting that is too of mind?						
What a is a key question that is top of mind?						
What partner am I eager to share this work with?						

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JUNE LEARNING SESSION

Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data



Health and Human Services Commission – Early Childhood Intervention Tammy Miller, Interagency Coordinator and Outreach Team Lead Niran Gnanaprakasam, Data Team Lead

Data Sources:

- Program Search: https://citysearch.hhsc.state.tx.us/
- Data and Reports: https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/assistive-services-providers/early-childhood-intervention-programs/eci-data-reports
- Publications Ordering: https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/assistive-services-providers/early-childhood-intervention-programs/eci-materials-ordering-systems

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Reasons Why Early Childhood Intervention Is Valuable



For years early intervention has helped families learn how to be the best teachers for their children with developmental delays or disabilities. Early intervention's evidence-based practice of helping families incorporate intervention strategies into daily routines increases children's rate of growth in key developmental areas, multiplies the opportunities for and effects of intervention, and increases the return on every dollar spent.

Discover how early intervention can help the children and families in your community and healthcare practice.

"Investing in the continuum of learning from birth to age 5 not only impacts each child, but it also strengthens our country's workforce today and prepares future generations to be competitive in the global economy tomorrow."

Professor James Heckman University of Chicago

1 Reduces Need for Special Education

The National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS) Special Education and Part C Programs tracked children with a developmental delay and found 46% did not need special education by the time they reached kindergarten as a result of early intervention services.¹

(5)

36%

had no disability, and were not receiving special education services.

10%

were reported to have a disability, but were not receiving special education.

Positive Results for Children

Studies found that children who participate in high-quality early intervention/early childhood development programs tend to have:

- Less need for special education and other remedial work.
- · Greater language abilities.
- · Improved nutrition and health.
- Experienced less child abuse and neglect.^{2,3,4}



Works with Brain Development

Neural circuits create the foundation for learning, behavior and health. These circuits are most flexible from birth to three.

Early social/emotional development provides the foundation upon which cognitive and language skills develop.

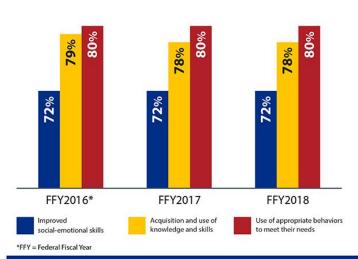
High-quality early intervention services can change a child's developmental trajectory and improve outcomes for children, families, and communities.

Intervention is likely to be more effective and less costly when it is provided earlier in life rather than later.⁵



4 Improves Child Outcomes

Texas child outcomes in Early Childhood Intervention consistently exceed the national average.



Increases Rate of Return on Investment

The earlier the investment, the greater the return.



As noted by James Heckman: "The highest rate of return in early childhood development comes from investing as early as possible, from birth through age 5, in disadvantaged families. Starting at age three or four is too little too late, as it fails to recognize that skills beget skills in a complementary and dynamic way. Efforts should focus on the first years for the greatest efficiency and effectiveness." ⁶

Citation

- 1 https://www.sri.com/publication/national-early-intervention-longitudinal-study-neils-final-report/
- 2 Paying Later the High Cost of Failing to Invest in Young Children PEW Center on the States Issue Brief, Jan. 2011 3 Early Childhood Interventions: Benefits, Costs and Savings Rand Corporation Research Brief
- 4 Policy Perspectives: Early Childhood Investment Yields Big Payoff by Robert Lynch,

Department of Economics, Washington College

Factors Impacting Sustainability of the

Texas Early Childhood Intervention Program



Early Childhood

Background

What is Early Childhood Intervention?

ECI is a statewide program for children with disabilities and developmental delays. ECI services support families to help improve their children's developmental outcomes.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission contracts with local agencies to provide ECI services across the state.

ECI contractors are required to offer the full array of federally mandated services, as appropriate, based on the child's and family's needs, and to deliver services in natural environments.

Federal regulations require **all** children determined eligible for ECI to be served, creating an entitlement from a federal program perspective without corresponding entitlement funding.

Who is eligible?

All children from birth to 36 months who reside in Texas and have a:

- · Developmental delay greater than or equal to 25% in one domain area.
- · Qualifying medical diagnosis.
- · Auditory or visual impairment.

How is ECI funded?

ECI receives funding from:

- · State sources
- · Federal sources
- · Family out-of-pocket payments
- Medicaid, private insurance/ TRICARE, CHIP

Loss of ECI Contractors

The historical funding for ECI has proven inadequate to retain contractors.



58 contractors in 2010

contractors in 2018*

Counties and 7,622

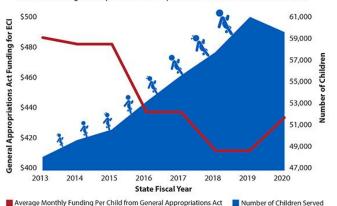
children have been affected by contractor changes.

*Texas did transition several service areas in September 2020 following a competitive procurement but has had no provider terminations since 2018.

Factors Affecting Sustainability

Increase in Number of Children Served and Decrease in Funding

The number of children enrolled in ECI has increased six of the last seven years. Funding from the state appropriation decreased during these same six years, then saw a 5% increase in per child funding in FY2020 over FY2019. However, FY2020 funding levels per child still represent a 10% decrease since 2013.*



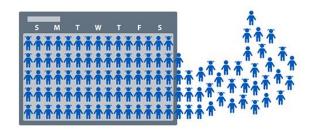
*FY = Fiscal Year — ECI saw a 2% reduction in the number of children served in FY2020 due to COVID-19.

ECI Contractors Must Cover Costs of Children Over the Target

contractor changes

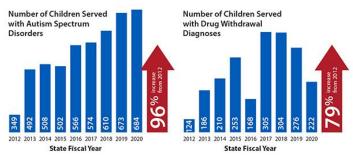
HHSC funds contractors based on a target number of children served each month. If the number of children determined eligible exceeds the target number of children in the contract, the ECI contractor must still serve those children.

In Fiscal Year 2019, 40% of ECI contractors reported having to contribute additional funds to support their ECI programs.



Increase in Special Populations Being Served

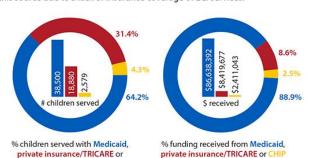
The number of children with certain qualifying medical diagnoses being served in ECI is increasing, such as children with Autism and drug-addicted infants, further straining the system since children with more complex needs require more services.



Lack of Private Insurance Coverage for ECI Services

for Fiscal Year 2020

Although more than 30% of ECI families have private insurance, ECI contractors collect less than 10% of the revenue needed to operate their programs from this source due to a lack of insurance coverage of ECI services.



for Fiscal Year 2020

Early Childhood Intervention Data

Fiscal Year 2020



Program Information

For more than 30 years, Early Childhood Intervention has helped over 800,000 Texas families learn how to be the best teachers for their children with developmental delays or disabilities. Discover how ECI can help the children and families in your community and healthcare referral sources.

ECI's evidence-based practice of helping families incorporate intervention strategies into daily routines:

- · Increases children's rate of growth in key developmental areas.
- · Multiplies the opportunities and effects of intervention.
- · Increases the return on every dollar spent.

Number of Children Referred





Number of Children Served

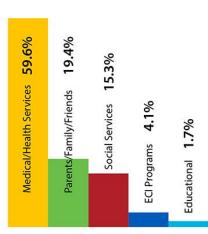
59,234



Number of Family Visits 376,163

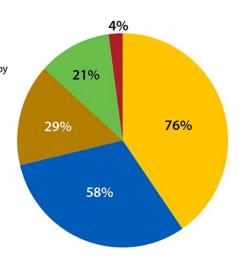


Referral Sources

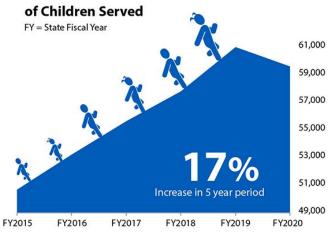


Delivered Services

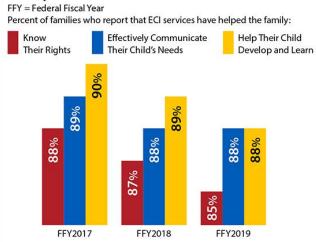




Increase in Number



Family Outcomes



Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data

Department of State Health Services – Maternal and Child Health Unit Audrey Young, Child and Adolescent Health Branch Manager, Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs Director Montana Gill, Research Specialist V





Access all links and documents on the **Resource Page**

Data Source	Description	Website
	Child Abuse and Neglect,	https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About_DFPS/Data_Book/office_o
	used in the Title V Needs	f_child_safety/
	Assessment for child	
	deaths that were	
	abuse/neglect by	
	community and to assess	
	community differences for	
	child fatalities and child	
	abuse and neglect	
	fatalities. Death certificate	
DFPS- death	data are available for all	
certificate linked	ages, years, and can be	
files	geocoded to provide exact	
	location data.	
	Used in the Title V	https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/asthma/data.aspx
	Needs Assessment to	
Texas Asthma	analyze asthma	
Burden Report	prevalence and	
	hospitalization rates by age	
	Fact sheet of asthma	https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/asthma/data.aspx
	prevalence and Medicaid	
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Texas Childhood	Texas. Data provided are from 2016.	
Asthma Fact Sheet		httms://www.daha.stata.tw.us/sathms/Dagumants/2016 Child
Child Asthma	Map of childhood hospital	https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/asthma/Documents/2016-Child- Asthma-Hospital-Discharge-Map.pdf
Hospital Discharge	discharge rates.	Asuma-Hospitai-Discharge-wap.pui
	A school-based survey	
	conducted every five years	
	by the Texas Oral Health	
Ovel Health Deci-	Improvement Program to	hatter //www.daha attata tu wa/dantal/Onal Hadible booths
Oral Health Basic	assess oral health among	https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/Oral-Health-by-the-
Screening Survey	Texas children.	Numbers.aspx

School Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey	County level, state-wide surveillance system which monitors body mass index (BMI) and related variables in children and adolescents in grades 2, 4, 8, and 11. The survey includes nutrition knowledge, nutrition attitude, physical activity, and dietary behaviors. Conducted by Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living at The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health in Austin, with funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).	https://span-interactive.sph.uth.edu/
National Survey of Children's Health		https: <u>//w</u> w <u>w.childhealthdata.org/learn-about-the-</u> nsch/NSCH

Behavioral Health	The Behavioral Health	https://www.samhsa.gov/data/report/behavioral-health-
Barometer: Texas	Barometer: Texas, is a	barometer-texas-volume-6
	state report that provides	
	a snapshot of behavioral	
	health in Texas. The	
	reports present a set of	
	substance use and mental	
	health indicators as	
	measured through the	
	National Survey on Drug	
	Use and Health (NSDUH)	
	and the National Survey of	
	Substance Abuse	
	Treatment Services (N–	
	SSATS), sponsored by	
	SAMHSA. A number of	
	data points are for	
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	adolescents and young adults.	
	Vital events files collected	
	and maintained within the	
	Texas Department of State	
	Health Services provide	
	detailed information on	
	childhood deaths. An	
	online query system can	
	provide some death data	
	by race/ethnicity,	
	geographic area, and	
	cause; however,	
	suppression guidelines to	
	protect confidential health	
Texas Mortality Data	information may restrict	https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/births-and-
	information.	deaths/deaths-2006-2017
	Federally funded, state	
	level survey conducted	
	biannually, on odd years,	
	to monitor behaviors that	
	contribute to unintentional	
	death and injury, sexual	
	health, alcohol and drug	
	use, tobacco use, dietary	
	behaviors, physical activity	
Texas Youth Risk	among youth and young	
Behavior Survey	adults.	http://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/surveys-and-
(YRBS)		profiles/youth-risk-behavior-survey

Texas School Survey of Substance Use	Regional and state-wide survey, conducted annually, on tobacco, alcohol, inhalant, and substance (both licit and illicit) use in students grades 7 through 12.	https://texasschoolsurvey.org/
American Community Survey	An annual national survey from the United States Census of individual demographic and socioeconomic data with some health characteristic data, at state and county levels.	https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs
Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System		http://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/surveys-and- profiles/behavioral-risk-factor-surveillance-system

Texas Demographic Center	The Texas Demographic Center is the home for the State Demographer of Texas and is responsible for producing estimates and projection of the Texas population.	https://demographics.texas.gov/
County Health Rankings & Roadmaps	A compendiums of health outcomes and health factors for communities across the United States	https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/
Kids Count	A collection of local, state, and national demographic and socioeconomic indicators of child health.	https://datacenter.kidscount.org/

Child Trends DataBank	Collection of around 100 indicators on child and family well-being, including health and safety, childcare, education, and health behaviors.	https://www.childtrends.org/indicators?a-z
The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)	Survey designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and used by states to monitor experiences of women before, during, and after pregnancy. Includes health topics such as access to prenatal care, alcohol use, smoking, use of prenatal vitamins, type of health insurance, intimate partner violence, postpartum depression, and breastfeeding.	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/mch/PRAMS.aspx
DSHS Healthy Texas Mothers & Babies Databook	Local and statewide data on prenatal care, preterm birth, breastfeeding, infant mortality, etc.	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/healthytexasbabies/data.aspx

	Feeding America	has statewide and county level data on food insecurity	https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2018/overall/texas
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Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data

Department of Family and Protective Services – Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Kathryn Sibley, Director for Research and Safety



PEI uses a public health framework to provide early intervention or prevent risk factors that lead to child maltreatment and fatalities, and support positive child, family, and community outcomes. A public health framework uses data and stakeholder feedback to assess the effectiveness of programs and adjusts program delivery accordingly.

PEI aims to improve the well-being of all Texans by acting upon a broad range of factors and conditions that influence child well-being. Preventing child maltreatment and other negative outcomes includes addressing the underlying issues, including poverty, family instability, poor health, substance abuse, and mental illness.

PEI organizes its communication efforts toward three major goals: promoting public awareness, engaging with communities to fund prevention services and coalitions, and positioning PEI as a resource hub.

By providing access to health, wellness, and family-strengthening programs, PEI will achieve a wide array of positive outcomes that benefit not only those served, but local communities and Texas as a whole.

DFPS Data Book

The Department of Family and Protective Services publishes annual data in the DFPS Data Book. This allows a user to search and configure charts and graphs across many years of data.

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About_DFPS/Data_Book/default.asp

Within the DFPS Data Book, there are specific sections related to different aspects of work within the agency. Reports Available

- Statewide Intake (SWI)
- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Child Protective Investigations (CPI)
- Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI)
- Office of Child Safety
- Employee Data and Statistics
- Finance

When using the DFPS Data Book, it is helpful to know how the data is set up and the options available in displaying the

- data.
 - Geography: determines what level to roll the data up to for display: all of Texas, at the DFPS region level, or by county
 - Filters: determines what data should be included. Often allows the user to break down data into smaller subcategories

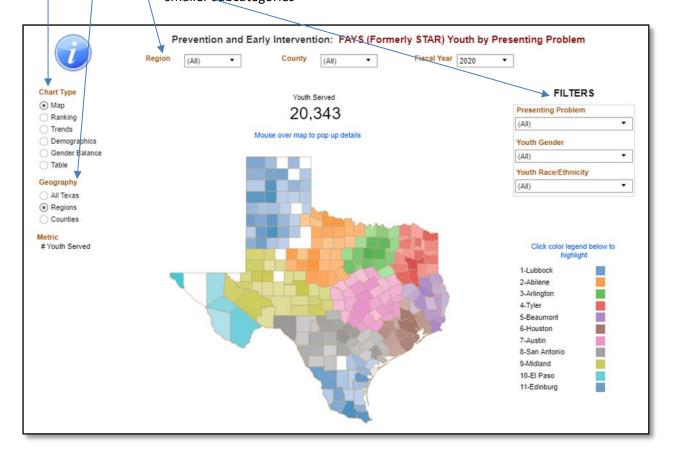


Chart Type: determines the output/display of the data

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PEI Community Maltreatment Risk Maps

HB 1549, passed by the 85th Texas Legislature, required PEI to develop a growth strategy to gradually increase the number of families receiving PEI services each year. PEI contracted with Population Health at The University of Texas Health Science Center Tyler (UTHSCT) to develop a series of tools to achieve this goal. These tools use risk-mapping and geographically-based risk and resiliency models to illustrate the distribution of maltreatment rates in the state by zip code. The project produced <u>community maltreatment risk maps</u> in FY 2019, giving PEI powerful new tools to identify and allocate resources in communities with the highest need and support families before they are in crisis.

These maps are an overview of community-level risk for maltreatment based on the statistically significant factors such as families in poverty, health and disability, low-income, child safety and health, low education, infant mortality rates, and assaults needing medical attention, and school enrollment. Most users will be able to understand their community's overall risk and risk profile from these <u>maps</u>. For those that would like more detailed maps with risk scores, they can be found <u>here</u>.

You can click on each ZIP code to show a pop-up that describes the community's risk relative to other ZIP codes in the state. The pop-up also describes how the community is doing on the risk factors that are statistically related to maltreatment risk at that age. Data is broken down into five age groups: infants, 1 to 4 years old, 5 to 9 years old, 10 to 14 years old, and 15 to 17 years old. Only factors that were found to be statistically significantly related to maltreatment risk at that age range are shown.

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PEI Provider Directory

PEI contracts with community-based programs and agencies to expand the available opportunities to maximize the potential of children and families in Texas communities. Not all services are available in all Texas communities. Services are free of charge and participation is voluntary. Current PEI grantees and details about each program cane be located in the PEI Provider Directory.

PEI Resources

The **Texas Prevention Network** is a channel for informing stakeholders about key updates. The network is comprised of a diverse set of stakeholders including advocates, service providers and coalitions. PEI communicates with the network via email newsletters sent periodically. Sign up for TPN by clicking here: <u>TPN Registration Link</u>

The **Get Parenting Tips website** was developed to provide a platform to connect Texas parents and caregivers with positive parenting information and resources. Providers are encouraged to visit Get Parenting Tips: www.getparentingtips.com.

Get Parenting Tips' Facebook page posts tips, resources and content with the goal of helping and supporting parents. Some of the content is original and created in-house; the rest is from ad campaigns or external sites that share PEI's goals. Follow us: @GetParentingTips

Details about PEI can be located on the <u>DFPS Public Website</u> as well as through the <u>PEI home page</u> located on the DFPS Public Website. PEI's <u>reports and publications</u> are also available through the PEI home page.

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Wrap up & Next Steps

Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President/CEO, United Ways of Texas



Review,	Preview, and Big View
	Share your biggest takeaway
	Note post session office hours:

Unraveling the Mystery of Texas Early Childhood Data

July 28, 2021 9:00-11:30AM





Welcome & Framing of the Day - Sarah Abrahams, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Prevention and Early Intervention, TX Department of Family and Protective Services; Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President & CEO, UWT

Community Success Stories

Hear from a panel of communities from across the country that have used early childhood data to advance their work including speakers from Dane County, Wisconsin and Salt Lake City, Utah.

 Amy Ahrens Terpstra, Vice President of Collective Impact Partnerships, United Way of Salt Lake

My Community's Data: What's Next? - Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, UWT

Interactive Activity

Wrap Up and Next Steps - Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, President and CEO, UWT

Welcome and Framing the Day

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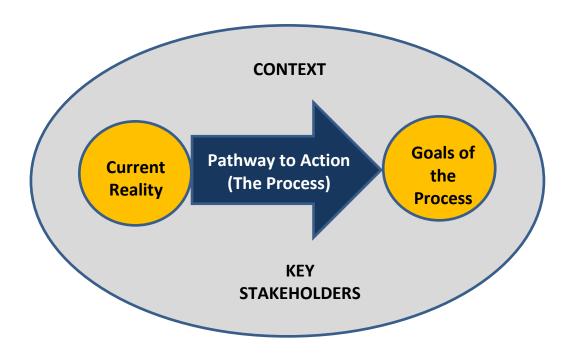
Data in Your Community
Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, United Ways of Texas
Reflection Activity - In your breakout groups discuss the following questions:
Looking back on all data sessions, what is the biggest data takeaway for your collaborative?
What is the biggest hurdle you foresee as you move forward with incorporating this new data?
How is your collaborative positioned to overcome these hurdles?
How is your collaborative positioned to overcome these hurdles?

Community Success Stories

Guest speakers highlighting community success stories — As you listen to these speakers write down any key ideas or insights that may help inform your work moving forward.						
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My community data – A collaborative framework

Roxanne Jones, Senior Vice President, United Ways of Texas



CONTEXT	The strategic imperative(s) or other conditions that are driving the change effort. What are the social, economic, and political realities that are influencing the change effort? What are the structural arrangements that contribute to the current reality?			
CURRENT REALITY	The issue or opportunity needing attention or requiring action; the situation that needs to be changed.			
GOALS OF THE PROCESS	The desired impact, result or outcome of the change effort, including changes in structural arrangements and power relationships.			
STAKEHOLDERS	Individuals and groups that are already part of the network or who need to be engaged in the change effort; any person or group who is likely to be affected by the outcome, is passionate about the issue, is responsible for implementation, or can prevent implementation.			
PATHWAY TO ACTION	 Designing the planning process Engaging stakeholders in a series of strategic conversations to build agreement that informs taking concerted action Taking action 			

Exercise: Framing the Change Effort

1.	Refer to the collaborative planning framework and define the context and current reality of your situation.
A.	Context
В.	Current Reality
2.	What are the goals of the process?
3.	Complete a stakeholder analysis

Stakeholder Analysis Worksheet

Complete a stakeholder analysis by:

- A. Listing the key stakeholder and stakeholder groups
- B. Identifying the wins or WIIFMS for each stakeholder. A "win" means what they value or care about with respect to the situation, i.e. what would a good outcome be from their point of view?

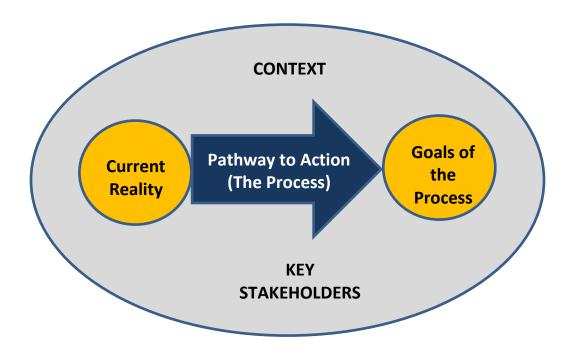
STAKEHOLDER	WIN

Reference: Interaction Institute for Social Change

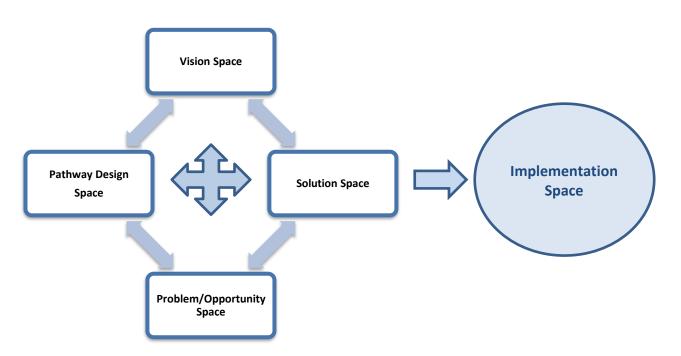
Next Steps – Data Landscape

The goal of this activity is to consider questions that will help inform next steps, and to determine how data can best support your future work in a tangible way.

What does the data say about your community?						
Based on your collaborative framework, what are areas of focus as it relates to data?						
Based on your collaborative framework, where are the gaps in your community data?						
What other information or resources would you like/need to help you do further analysis and for data to support your future work?						
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Pathway to Action



Reference: Interaction Institute for Social Change

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Sarah Abrahams currently serves as the Deputy Associate Commissioner for Prevention and Early Intervention at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services where she oversees systems efforts and program initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for Texas children and families. She led the Home Visiting and Early Childhood work at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission as the Director of the Office of Health Coordination and Consumer Services, managing cross-systems programs and policy coordination efforts with a focus on children and families. Before joining HHSC, Sarah was a Systems Improvement Analyst with Casey Family Programs, providing strategic planning, implementation support, technical assistance, and policy analysis for systems improvement work targeting child welfare practices on national, state and local levels. Sarah has 15 years of nonprofit project management and program development experience, has worked as the Program Development Director for a statewide parent education and support agency. Sarah holds an Masters in Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.



Matthew Randazzo was named President and CEO of The Dallas Foundation in December 2017 and began his tenure with the organization in May 2018. Matthew previously served as Chief Executive Officer of the National Math and Science Initiative, which aims to improve teacher effectiveness and student achievement in communities across the country.

Matthew joined NMSI in September 2014 as chief growth and strategy officer. Prior to joining NMSI, Matthew served as founding president and CEO of Choose to Succeed and as chief growth officer for IDEA Public Schools. Matthew recently was named to the 10th class of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Children and Family Fellows — a select group of leaders from the public, nonprofit and academic sectors dedicated to leading measurable improvements for children and families. Also, he was awarded The University of Texas at Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs' 2017 Rising Leader Award, which recognizes younger alumni who have stood out as leaders and catalysts for change.

Matthew earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science and Latin American studies from Albion College in Michigan and his Master of Public Affairs from The University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Gitu, a clinical psychologist, reside in Southlake and have a three-year old son, Grayson.



Dr. Mandell is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Tyler and with Population Health, Office of Health Affairs at the University of Texas System Administration in Austin. She received her PhD from the University of Washington, Seattle in Developmental Psychology and her BA from the University of Texas, Austin. She also served as a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at Wake Forest School of Medicine and the Cognitive Science Center at the University of Amsterdam. Her research has spanned multiple topics in maternal and child health with a focus on understanding the relations between early experiences and later neurocognitive outcomes. She has extensive direct public health experience through her work on a variety of public health topics including work that has supported the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force, Healthy Texas Babies, Child Fatality Review, and the strategic plan to align prevention resources between the Department of Family Protective Services and the Department of State Health Services in Texas.

Her current work focuses on understanding individual and community-level risk and resiliencies during the transition to parenthood and pediatric periods. She also works with her collaborators to develop and evaluate programs and systems-change projects that support families. She is currently the primary investigator for the Texas Safe Babies project and the Maltreatment Risk Mapping project funded by Department of Family and Protective Services. She also leads the work of the Texas Pediatric Brain Health Initiative, which is a multi-agency and multi-sector initiative to realign and support early child systems, so they promote optimal brain development in children.



Charles R. Martinez, Jr. is the 12th dean of the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin. Martinez began his tenure as dean on January 1, 2019. Martinez's scholarly work focuses on identifying factors that hinder or promote the success of children and families who are from vulnerable and underserved populations. He is particularly interested in how immigrant Latino families adjust to life in the U.S. and how to better harness culturally specific protective factors to ensure their success in navigating the many challenges associated with immigration. Martinez has led numerous national and international research projects designed to examine risk and protective factors involved in linking social and cultural factors to education and behavioral health disparities for Latino children and families, and to develop and test culturally specific interventions for at-risk families in the U.S. and in Latin America. Prior to joining Texas, Martinez was the Philip H. Knight Professor in the Department of Educational Methodology, Policy, and Leadership at the University of Oregon, where he also served as founding director of the Center for Equity Promotion. He is a nationally recognized scholar on organizational equity, cross-cultural research, and community engagement. A first-generation college graduate, Martinez received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Pitzer College, and his master's degree and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. Martinez holds the Lee Hage Jamail Regents Chair in Education and the Sid W. Richardson Regents Chair. He is a professor in the Department of Educational Psychology.



Shay Everitt joined the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in October 2019 and is Senior Advisor for the Child Care & Early Learning (CCEL) Division. She supports the division director and CCEL staff in policy development and implementation. She also works multiple state agencies on collaborative, cross-agency early childhood initiatives. Prior to working at TWC, Shay led early childhood education research and policy efforts with the statewide nonprofit, Children At Risk, and was an adjunct professor at the University of Houston-Downtown in the Nonprofit Management graduate degree program.



Niran Gnanaprakasam is the Data Team Lead with Health and Human Services, Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program. She works with national, state, and local level data and reporting for children from birth to 36 months who are served by ECI. Her work helps local programs to use data to measure how they are meeting both state and federal guidelines for serving children who have a disability and/or a developmental delay. Niran is the lead for completion of the Annual Performance Report required by the Office of Special Edcuation Programs (OSEP). Niran also works on research projects at state and federal levels.

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