

2025 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA for Texas United Ways

Texas United Ways mobilize communities to action. From strengthening local resilience to advancing health, education, and financial security, we're working towards a future where every person in every community can thrive.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY Every youth deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential

- Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare & early education programs and out-of-school (OST) programming.
- Support strategies and initiatives aimed at improving student mental health and wellbeing.
- Strengthen pathways to college and career and ensure access to postsecondary opportunities.
- Increase investment in our public-school students and in public education programs.
- Enhance early literacy and numeracy through effective strategies, including parent engagement efforts.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Everyone deserves the opportunity to live their healthiest life.

- Strengthen access to mental health care and behavioral health services, including substance use treatment and suicide prevention.
- Expand access to high-quality, and affordable health care services and insurance coverage.
- Strengthen maternal and child health outcomes and reduce health disparities.
- Address nonmedical drivers—food, housing, transportation, and employment—in healthcare systems to improve the prevention and management of chronic and infectious diseases.

FINANCIAL SECURITY

Everyone deserves the opportunity to earn a living that sustains a family and builds security for future generations.

- Invest in high-quality skills training programs that provide supportive services to ensure all Texans can access and complete job training and education programs that lead to high-quality jobs.
- Strengthen access to public benefits and other basic needs assistance to support a family's pathway and transition to long-term self-sufficiency.
- Strengthen the childcare sector and ensure more families have access to reliable, affordable, highquality child care.
- Expand quality, affordable, and stable housing.
- Increase access to transportation options for under-served communities.
- Improve access to financial education, financial coaching support, fair lending, and other financial resources.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

Every community deserves the knowledge and resources to be resilient.

- Strengthen the capacity of the Texas nonprofit sector and improve partnerships between government & nonprofits.
- Ensure adequate state funding for health & human services & other critical programs.
- Improve the effectiveness and reach of information and referral (I&R) systems to better connect communities to services.
- Increase access to reliable and affordable broadband, hardware and devices, digital skills training, and cybersecurity awareness for all Texas communities.
- Address systemic barriers that prevent all Texas communities from thriving and promote policies and practices that support fairness, respect, and opportunity for all.
- Promote volunteerism and charitable giving in our state.



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