



BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

Recommendation Number: 20130410-6.b.ii

DESCRIPTION: Recommendation to align City and County early childhood policies and funding with the School Readiness Action Plan for Austin/Travis County.

RECOMMENDATION: The Early Childhood Council recommends to the City of Austin City Council and to Travis County Commissioners Court that the School Readiness Action Plan be used as a guide to policy and funding decisions that affect the health and welfare of young children and their families.

RATIONALE: Use of the plan will promote the most effective and efficient use of public funds because it provides a coherent and coordinated set of goals and actions that will increase coordination among the various programs that receive public support. The School Readiness Action Plan, published by Success By 6 of the United Way Capital Area in the spring of 2012, represents a consensus reached by Austin-area professionals and advocates about the goals and actions needed to improve school readiness for Austin's young children. The City of Austin Early Childhood Council has played a major role in its development and implementation. One of its major benefits to policymakers and to the community is to unite the many agencies and individuals serving young children around a common plan and a common set of goals.

Date of Approval: April 10, 2013

Record of the Vote: Approved by the Early Childhood Council on a 13 – 0 vote.

Attest:

Kyle Holder, Chair