



Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



The role of public health is to:

PROMOTE community-wide wellness,

PREVENT disease, and

PROTECT the community from infectious diseases,
environmental hazards, and epidemics

Municipal Leadership to Promote Educational Alignment for Young Children

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NLC Overview

- **Technical Assistance**
 - **1 of 6 Cities**
 - **Monthly group and 1 on 1 conference calls**
- **Common goals with school districts**
- **Birth to 5 and Kinder – 3rd Grade focus**
- **Multiple level partnerships**
- **Municipal leadership**

Local Efforts

School Readiness Action Plan for Austin/Travis County

- **Components – Ready**
 - **Families**
 - **Early Education**
 - **Health and Mental Health**
 - **Communities**
- **Process**
- **Stakeholders and Leadership**

Alignment Austin/Travis County

Work in Progress

- **Significant progress in area ISD's from work by Regional Educational Service Center**
- **Austin ISD allows child care providers to attend teacher trainings**

New Projects in 2 areas

- **Attendance zones or zip codes**
- **School centered coordination**
 - **Area families and child care providers**

Children's Champion

- **Primary Focus: Needs of children/families**
 - **Ask the questions**
 - **What are the opportunities for children?**
 - **How will actions impact children/families?**
- **Champion**
 - **Constant, consistent focus**
 - **High visibility**
 - **Trusted leader**