



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 20141008-007c

Date: October 8, 2014

Subject: Social Services RFA Process

Motioned By: Dustin Breithaupt

Seconded By: Aletha Huston

Recommendation

Given the increased number of families with children under the age of 6 in need in our community, the cuts in funding for early childhood in 2011, and the adoption of the School Readiness Action Plan by the City, the Early Childhood Council recommends that the allocation to the area of early childhood in the social service contract review be commensurate with the importance of this age group and the documented benefits from investing in children early in life.

Description of Recommendation to Council

- *Support the Early Childhood Council's recommendation for an increase in funding to the Early Childhood life continuum category so that it is consistent with the importance of the return on investment for this age group.*

Rationale:

There are over 43,000 children in Travis County children under the age of 6 living in households at or below 200% poverty. Self-sufficiency goals of early school success and dropout prevention are best met with early childhood preventative and supportive services.

Vote

For: Kyle Holder, Larry Elsner, Aletha Huston, Dustin Breithaupt, Avis Wallace, Cindy Rodriguez, Debra Keith Thompson

Against: None

Abstain: Jacquie Porter, Brook Son, Albert Black, Anurita Mitra (due to potential conflict of interest)

Absent: Rhonda Paver, Laura Koenig

Attest: *Cynthia D. Gamez, Early Childhood Coordinator, HHSD*