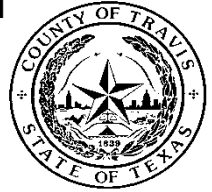




Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



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Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department Greeting and Updates

January 13, 2016

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Austin Travis County Health & Human Services

Vision:

Our community will be the healthiest in the nation.

Mission:

To prevent disease, promote health, and protect the well-being of our community.

Core Purpose:

- Promote community-wide wellness, preparedness, and self-sufficiency;
- Prevent illness, injury, and disease; and
- Protect the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards, and epidemics.



Austin/Travis County Health Status

- Overall healthier than Texas and the Nation.
- Diverse mix of multiple races, cultures and ethnicities and is experiencing rapid growth.
- Significant disparities exist.
- Geographic concentrations of vulnerable populations are changing.
- East Travis County:
 - More poverty
 - lack of education
 - More uninsured
 - Greater concentration of Hispanics and African American

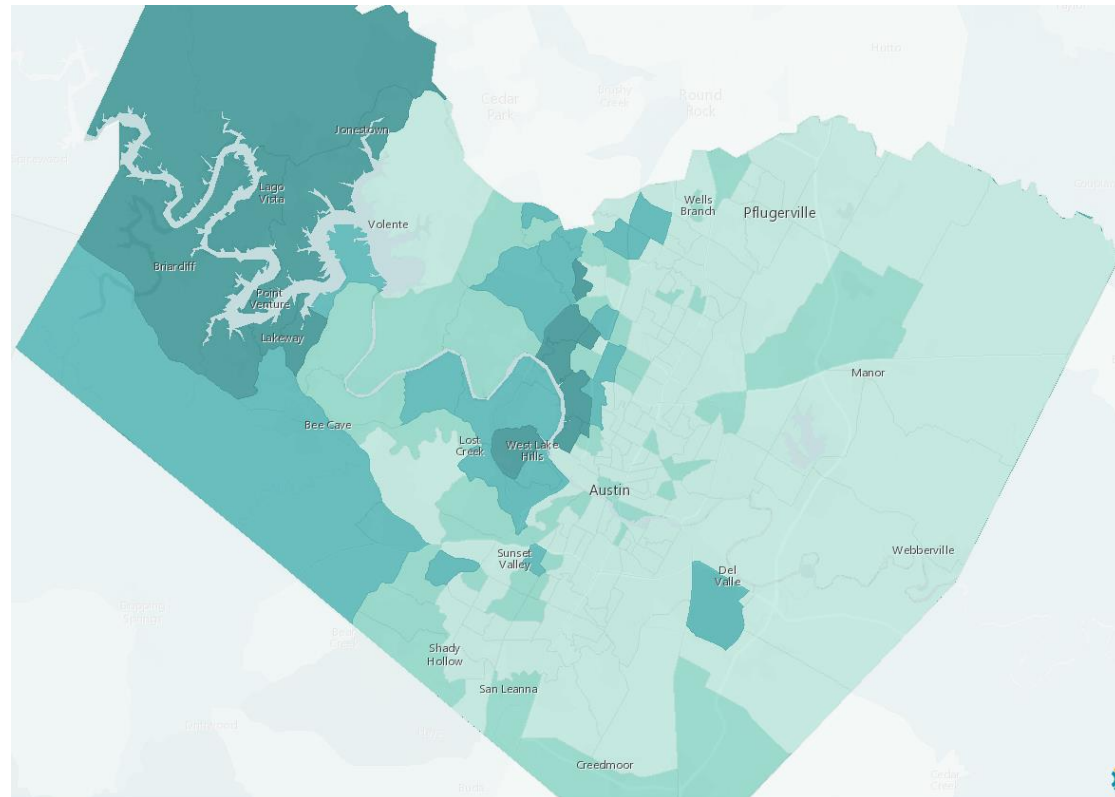


Age trends by Census Tracts

- In Travis County, **three census tracts have at least 15% of their population under 5 years of age**. Two of these census tracts are within Northeast Travis County and **represent approximately 1,565 children**.

This map represents Median age which included the age ranges as recorded by American Community Survey from 2009-2013. Map developed by Community Commons.

The age trends by precinct were calculated using *proximityone.com*, American Community Survey (ACS), 2009, 5-year estimates.



Map Legend

Median Age by Tract, ACS 2009-13

- Over 45.0
- 40.1 - 45.0
- 35.1 - 40.0
- Under 35.1
- No Data or Data Suppressed

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FY 16 Early Childhood Funding

Direct Child Care	\$1,637,811
Child Care Quality Improvement	\$391,159
Child Care Development	\$2,553,653
Total Funding	\$4,582,623

\$756,168 in new funding a 16.5% increase from FY15



Background

- **City Council made significant new investments in public health and human services in the FY 15-16**
- **This Presentation outlines the programmatic expansions anticipated under three council directives:**
 - Public Health Infrastructure and programming,
 - Social Service contracts, and
 - Health Equity/Quality of Life Initiatives



Health Department Infrastructure

\$2.5 million

Chronic Disease - \$259,411

- Tobacco control activities, obesity prevention, diabetes prevention and education, data analysis, epidemiology, and special focus on disparate populations

Health Equity/Quality of Life - \$230,509

- Ensure health programs and services provided to the community are culturally and linguistically appropriate
- Additional staff for the Quality of Life initiatives with focus on African American, Hispanic and Asian populations



Health Department Infrastructure

\$2.5 million

Communicable Disease - \$342,222

- Additional investigative staff
- 25% increase in case management for HIV clients to ensure follow up for treatment and support services referral

Epidemiology and Disease - \$322,089

- New positions will provide critical capacity to conduct epidemiologic investigation and disease surveillance activities for over 70 notifiable conditions
- The addition of 2 Epidemiologists in FY16 will put Austin/Travis County at 80% of optimal capacity recommended by The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists



Health Department Infrastructure

\$2.5 million

Maternal Child and Adolescent Services - \$338,014

- Expansion of teen pregnancy prevention programs with a focus on the highest disparate populations
- Addition of case management to the program services

Neighborhood Services - \$295,569

- Additional direct service staff to provide preventive health and management of center operations



Health Department Infrastructure

\$2.5 million

Department Infrastructure - \$478,864

- Additional staff to provide support for expansion of existing programs and outreach efforts
- Lease space procurement

Social Service Contract administration - \$233,322

- Additional staff to monitor current and additional funding allocated for both Social Service and Health Equity contracts
- Monitoring capacity of contracted agencies will be increased by 20%



Health Equity Contracts

\$1.05 million

Maternal and Infant Health - \$390,000

- Develop and implement culturally specific, holistic, programs that prioritize communities most directly impacted by maternal health inequities
- Reduce common barriers to care such as language, transportation and family support

African American Health Disparities - \$410,000

- Develop and implement faith and community-based, culturally specific risk screening and risk reduction intervention models that support behavior change through education and social supports with the goal of reducing rates of HIV infection, chronic disease, and sickle cell for African Americans



Health Equity Contracts

\$1.05 million

Services for Elderly - \$50,000

- Develop and implement culturally specific, community-based services that focus on physical, emotional, mental and social well-being of elderly people

LGBT People of Color Sexual Health and Wellness - \$100,000

- Develop and implement nontraditional, culturally specific interventions that focus on the physical, emotional, mental and social well-being of LGTB people of color to help remove stigma and other barriers to care and reduce rates of HIV infection and chronic disease



Health Equity Contracts

\$1.05 million

Immigrant Mental Health - \$100,000

- Develop and implement nontraditional, interdisciplinary, culturally specific, and community-based health programs that address basic needs and provide concrete tools to help immigrants develop social support strategies to positively affect physical and mental health over the life span



One Time Appropriation - \$400,000

Healthy food retail and Healthy food options

- **HHSD is working in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability to implement multiple food strategies in the retail setting**
- **The goal is to ensure fresh foods are available to citizens in the communities where they live.**
- **Specific interventions include:**
 - \$150,000 for a Healthy Corner Store Initiative focused in 78744 and 78745
 - \$100,000 to support mobile farm stands.
 - \$100,000 to support the SNAP Double Dollar Incentive Program at local farmers markets
 - \$50,000 for staff support



Ongoing Appropriation - \$740,000

Rental Assistance

Rental Assistance - \$740,000

- The goal of the program is to stabilize the client's housing by providing supports
- The target is homeless and/or housed clients who are or are about to be experiencing a housing crisis
- This program will provide comprehensive case management and basic needs services such as rent, utility assistance and/or housing supports



Social Service Contracts

\$1.825 million

HHSD Plan

- The first priority for this funding is to maintain the level of services provided in FY15 by raising contract values to account for the increase in the cost of providing services.
- HHSD gathered input from social service providers and is determining the most effective and efficient way to allocate the funding approved by Council.



Next Steps

Continue to support the ECC 2015-2018 School Readiness Action Plan

- Connect Ready Families to HHSD social services
- Promote Ready Services
 - Support Quality Early Childhood Education
 - Ensure provisions of Preventative Health and Mental Health Services
- Promote a healthy infrastructure to support a Ready Community



Efforts to Support ECC/SRAP

Ongoing engagement of ECC

New staff in Social Services Policy Unit focused on early childhood and youth

Maintain Family Health Unit

Supports early childhood and youth direct service contracts.

Provide support to families

WIC, Neighborhood Services and family focused social services

Implement Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan

Priority Areas: Chronic Disease Focus on Obesity, Built Environment Focus on Food Access, Built Environment focus on Transportation, and Access to Healthcare

***New Community Health Assessment will begin in January 2017*



Questions?

