



## EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 20160810-7a2

Date: August 11, 2016

Subject: Austin Community College Teacher and Director TRAC RCA

Motioned By: Member Holder

Seconded By: Member Paver

### Recommendation

*The Early Childhood Council recommends that the Austin City Council approve the Austin Community College Inter-local Agreement for the Teacher and Director TRAC program. Approval for execution of this agreement is scheduled as a Recommendation for Council Action on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at the Austin City Council meeting.*

### Description of Recommendation to Council

Funding in the amount of \$48,760 is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The RCA would authorize HHSD to award, negotiate and execute a 12-month Inter-local Agreement with Austin Community College to provide child care improvement services, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$48,760 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$243,800. The Early Childhood Council recommends that the Austin City Council approve this RCA.

### Rationale:

High quality child care has been shown to support cognitive, social, and emotional development in young children. A recent report by E3 Alliance shows that the number of children entering kindergarten school ready has decreased from 54% to 41% in Travis County over the past year. The TRAC program aims to increase the number of knowledgeable and skilled early care and education workforce who are employed in centers serving at least 20% families with low income. The program provides scholarships for child development courses and textbooks. Furthermore, one of the HHS policies outlined in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan is to "Improve access to quality child care services near home and workplaces". This continued investment in Teacher and Director TRAC from the City would be consistent with the goals of Imagine Austin and would help meet a critical need in the community.

Vote 7-0-0

For: Chair Elsner, Holder, Overton, Paver, Porter, Sanchez, and Wren

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Brown, Huston, and Son

Attest: