

**On Track for Kindergarten Readiness:**

**Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Action Plan Framework- DRAFT**

Long-Term Goal: All children in Austin/Travis County are happy, healthy, and ready for school success				
	Supported Families	Quality Care and Education	Healthy Beginnings	Safe and Stimulating Communities
<p><b>Child and Family Outcomes</b></p> <p>Young children and their families experience.....</p>	<p>Parents and/or family caregivers provide nurturing and responsive care in safe settings</p> <p>Family's basic needs are adequately addressed.</p> <p>Parents talk, sing, and read to their children every day.</p>	<p>Children's optimal development is fostered by nurturing, responsive, and cognitively stimulating care in licensed child care, Head Start, or PreK.</p>	<p>Children are physically, socially and emotionally healthy.</p> <p>Parents and Caregivers are mentally healthy.</p>	<p>Young children's optimal development is a civic and public priority</p> <p>City/County spaces are family friendly.</p> <p>Community members are aware of the importance of the early years.</p>
<p><b>Program and Policy Expansion</b></p> <p>Families have access to....</p>	<p>Universal family connection and referral systems</p> <p>Home Visiting</p> <p>Research-based parent education</p> <p>Book distribution</p> <p>Adult education and workforce development</p>	<p>Multiple high-quality early learning options that meet young children's and families' needs.</p> <p>Early childhood educators are adequately prepared and compensated for their professional role.</p>	<p>Universal nurse home visit to new parents</p> <p>Mental health consultation services to child care centers and schools</p> <p>Assessments for ACES, maternal depression</p> <p>Developmental screening</p> <p>Nutrition services</p>	<p>Early Childhood Public Awareness campaigns</p> <p>Business, neighborhood and civic leader support for early childhood</p> <p>Early childhood programming in targeted City and County departments including Parks and Recreation and Libraries</p>
<p><b>Early Childhood Systems</b></p>	<p>Parent Leadership at all levels; data Systems to monitor performance and community trends; political will and engagement; coordinated intake and referral; coordinated enrollment system for early childhood care and education; collective policy agenda and advocacy efforts; bridges between public early learning settings and community-based learning settings</p>			
<p><i>Our Values: We believe that all children and families have worth and an enormous capacity to learn and thrive. We honor and support the primary and vital relationship between parents, families, and their children. We value diversity and strive for equity in all we do. We believe that early childhood professionals deserve a living wage and decent working conditions.</i></p>				

