

City of Austin Early Childhood Council

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Purpose of the Early Childhood Council*

- make recommendations to the city council for the creation, development, and implementation of **programs that promote optimal development for young children**;
- develop, for recommendation to city council, **programs and activities that contribute to the continued development of a system of high-quality early care and education** and afterschool programs for Austin's children;
- explore and develop, for recommendation to city council, **cooperative arrangements with area governments in the metropolitan region to support a system of quality early care and education**;

** as stated in City Code § 2-1-123 (B)*

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- **encourage volunteerism and philanthropic efforts** in order to **generate broad-based community involvement and support** for quality early care and education and promote the well being of families of young children; and
- develop, for recommendation to city council, **strategies encouraging individuals and agencies to continually improve the quality of their services** for young children; and
- support **innovative approaches to quality early care and education and leadership development** in fields relating to the optimal development of young children.

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Alignment

- The Early Childhood Council is a member of the Austin/Travis County Success by 6 Strategic Plan, and has representation at the Leadership Team.
 - City of Austin & Travis County align early childhood investments with the goals, strategies and recommendations of the ATX SX6 Strategic Plan
- The Early Childhood Council is a member of the City of Austin Joint Inclusion Committee.
 - The purpose of the JIC is to advise the council on issues pertaining to diversity and inclusion

28% or 25,000

children under six in Travis County

live in households
with low income.

More than **one in three**
children under six living in Travis County
live in households with
low income.



90%

of children under
six from households
experiencing poverty
are children of color.

Austin / Travis County Strategic Plan Framework



How has this collective work impacted Family-Based Child Care Programs?

Workforce Solutions Capital Area:

- Mentoring
- Jeanette Watson Wage Supplements
- Teacher TRAC / Director TRAC scholarships

City Child Care Relief Grants (2020/2021)

More focus on FBCC Programs specifically:

- AVANCE Quality Child Care Matters program
- GAVA ParentChild+ Program

Mini-Grants to support Licensing/Quality Rating

Professional Development:

- Scholarships to Austin Chapter of TXAEYC Conference
- Greenspace Training (March)
- This conference

