



## ROSES ARE RED VIOLETS ARE BLUE TINY TEXANS ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

The following are recommendations from our collaborative & diverse conversation:

- \$1.5 M Austin Public Health multi-year allocation to Early Childhood Education and Development funding:
  - \$500,000 Early childhood education and development scholarships
    - Directly dispersed to childcare centers & registered licensed to support parents with high needs
  - \$500,000 Pilot- EC mini-grants providing emergency financial relief for home-based licensed providers and Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) caregivers; Center Based Care
  - \$250,000 Health Insurance Support & Navigation for the childcare care workforce:
    - Funding Navigators specifically focused on outreach for childcare providers.
      - Proof Income of income as barrier
      - Limited free time prevents from engaging in already existing navigation support.
      - Health as prevention to bring stability to the childcare workforce
  - 250,000 to establish a lending library & resource center for child care providers and families.
- Continued Funding of Family Stabilization Grant Program
  - Funding continued to go through the Equity Office and contracted to Uptgether who is reputable nationally and has proven success with the Austin Pilot.
  - A way to support Friend Family Neighbor caregivers, who are not directly supported by programs who target childcare providers.

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CHILDCARE WORKERS DESERVE TO BE SEEN!**