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# Prevention in Texas

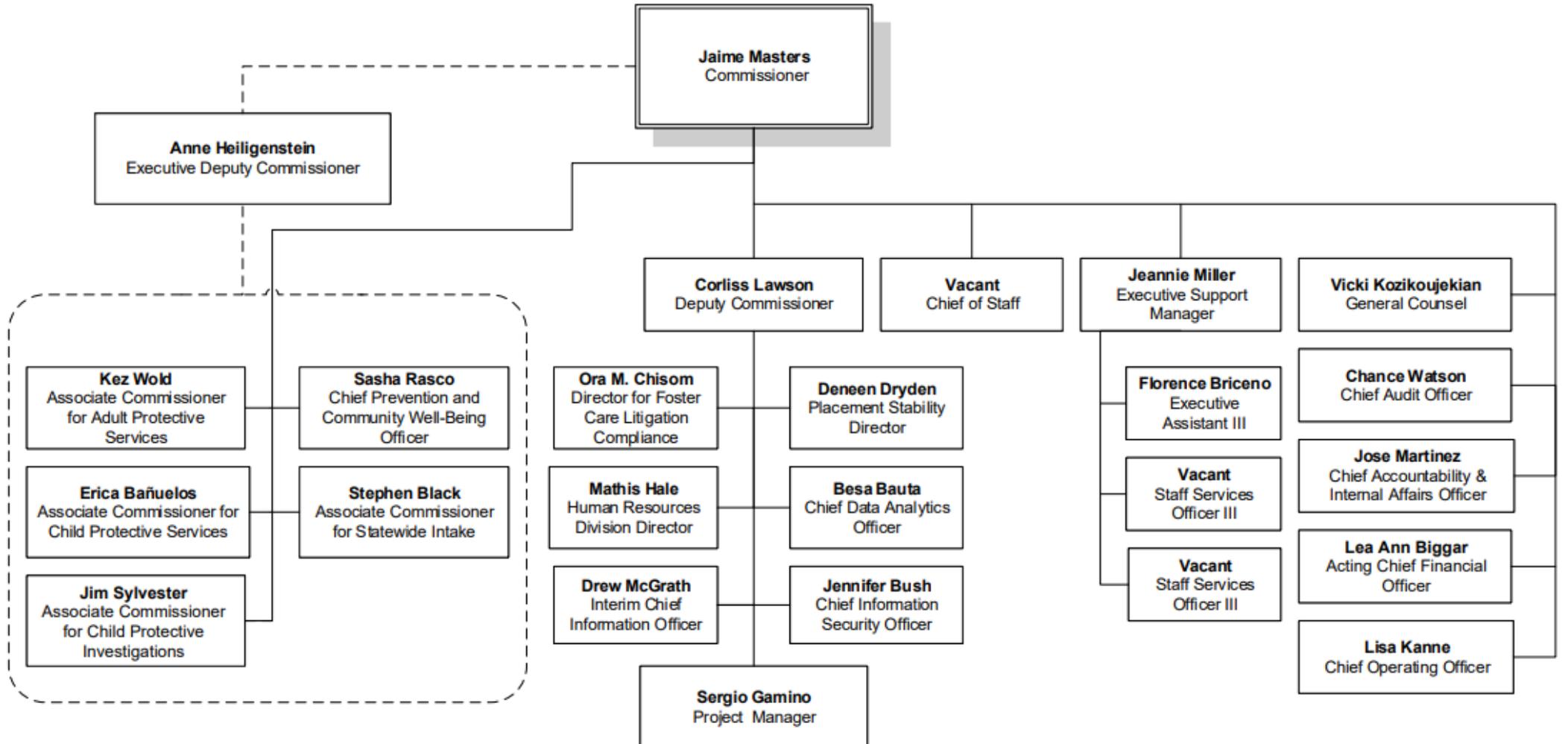
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- **Using Data Matching to Improve Service Capacity**
  - **and Divert Families From Substantiated Findings**

# Texas Department of Family Protective Services



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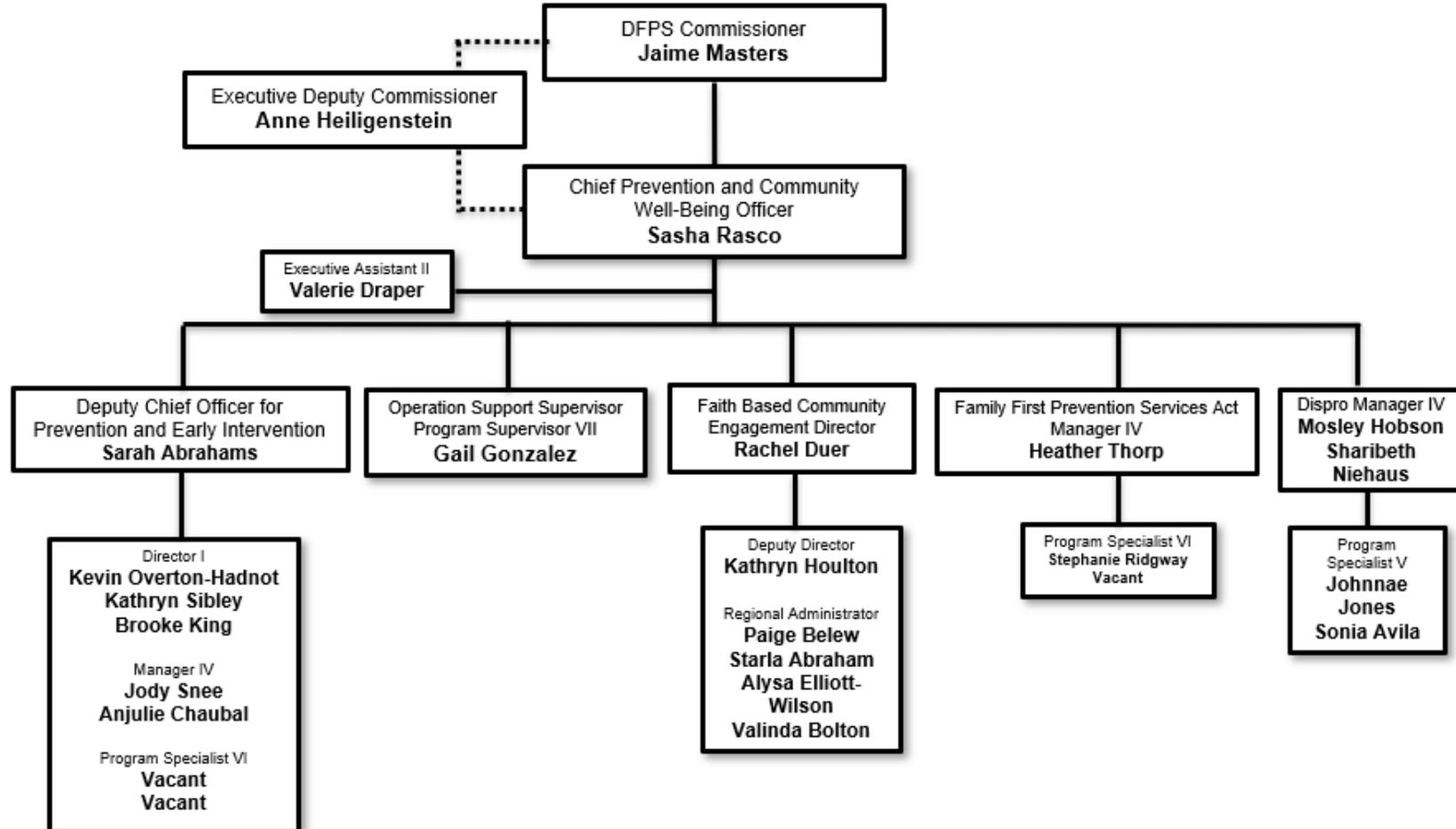
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PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING Organizational Chart  
Sasha Rasco, Chief Prevention and Community Well-Being Direct Reports





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# Statutory Duties

## Family Code §265

- Plan, develop, and administer a comprehensive and unified delivery system of prevention and early intervention services to children and their families in at-risk situations;
- Improve responsiveness of services for at-risk children and their families by facilitating greater coordination and flexibility in the use of funds by state and local service providers;
- Provide greater accountability for prevention and early intervention services in order to demonstrate the impact or public benefit of a program by adopting outcome measures;
- Assist communities in the coordination and development of prevention and early intervention services in order to maximize federal, state, and local resources.



# The View from Upstream



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Promoting opportunities for partnerships with families that capitalize on the strengths of parents and children together to build healthy families and resilient communities upstream from crisis.

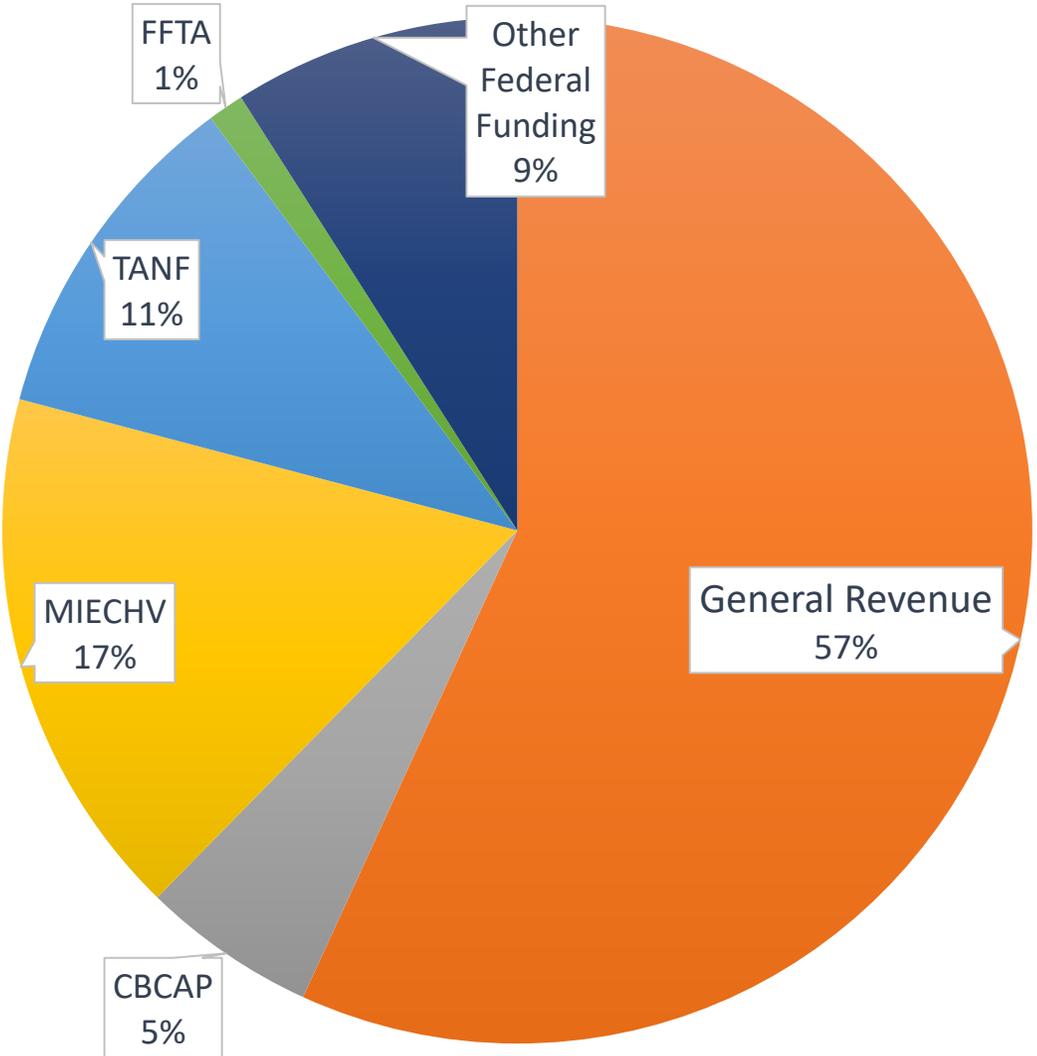


# FY22 and FY23 Method of Finance

Legislative allocation: \$224,876,042



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# PEI By the Numbers- FY 2022



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**60,077** Families and  
Youth Served

**97%** of youth served  
are **not involved**  
with the **juvenile**  
**justice** system

**97%** of children  
**remained safe**  
during services

**100%** of **early**  
**childhood** programs  
use **evidence-based**  
**curricula**

**1,500,000** visits to  
GetParentingTips.com

**85%** of **youth and**  
**family** programs use  
**evidence-based**  
**curricula**



# PEI Programs



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## Community Youth Development (CYD)

CYD provides positive youth development programs in zip codes with high incidences of juvenile crime.



## Fatherhood EFFECT

Fatherhood EFFECT (Educating Fathers for Empowering Children Tomorrow) provides parent education and resources to fathers.



## Family and Youth Success (FAYS)

The FAYS program provides coaching, counseling, and group-based learning for youth and parents.

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## Healthy Outcomes through Prevention & Early Support (HOPES)

HOPES provides community-driven initiatives and supports for families with children 0-5 years of age.



## Texas Service Members, Veterans, and Families (SMVF)

SMVF provides parenting, education, counseling, and youth development programs for military and veteran families.



## Statewide Youth Services Network (SYSN)

The SYSN program provides a statewide network to support positive youth development.

# PEI Programs

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## Texas Home Visiting (THV)

THV provides in-home parent education for families with children who are 0-5 years of age.



## Texas Nurse Family Partnership (TNFP)

The TNFP program provides nurse home visiting for first-time low-income families.



## Special Initiatives

Special Initiatives include the Get Parenting Tips website, an annual calendar, and the annual Partners in Prevention Conference.



# Safe in Care Numbers

- **97.5%** of primary caregivers do not become a confirmed perpetrator in a CPS investigation **during services.**
- **94%** do not become a confirmed perpetrator in a CPS investigations **three years** after receiving services.





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# PEI's Office of Child Safety



- 199 children died due to abuse and neglect in Texas in State Fiscal Year 2021;
- In most of these cases (177) there was **no CPI investigation or ongoing services stage open** at that time, so there was no regular monitoring of the family occurring that could have protected the child – roughly half had no prior history at all; and
- 36% of fatalities were the result of PHAB and 64% from neglect. The most common causes of fatalities involving neglect were drowning, unsafe sleep, and vehicle-related fatalities

# Community Risk Maps



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## Maltreatment Risk

Data presented in these maps are the estimated risk of maltreatment in communities across Texas. Data are not presented for communities with small child populations as these estimates are not reliable.

Learn more about a community's maltreatment risk by selecting it on the map and clicking "search" or by typing in the ZIP Code or county in the search bar

[Webinars](#)

[Variable Definitions](#)

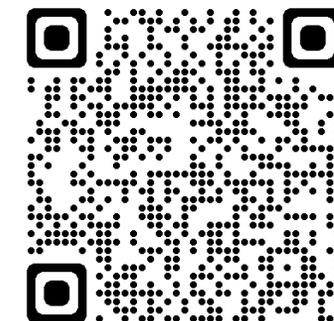
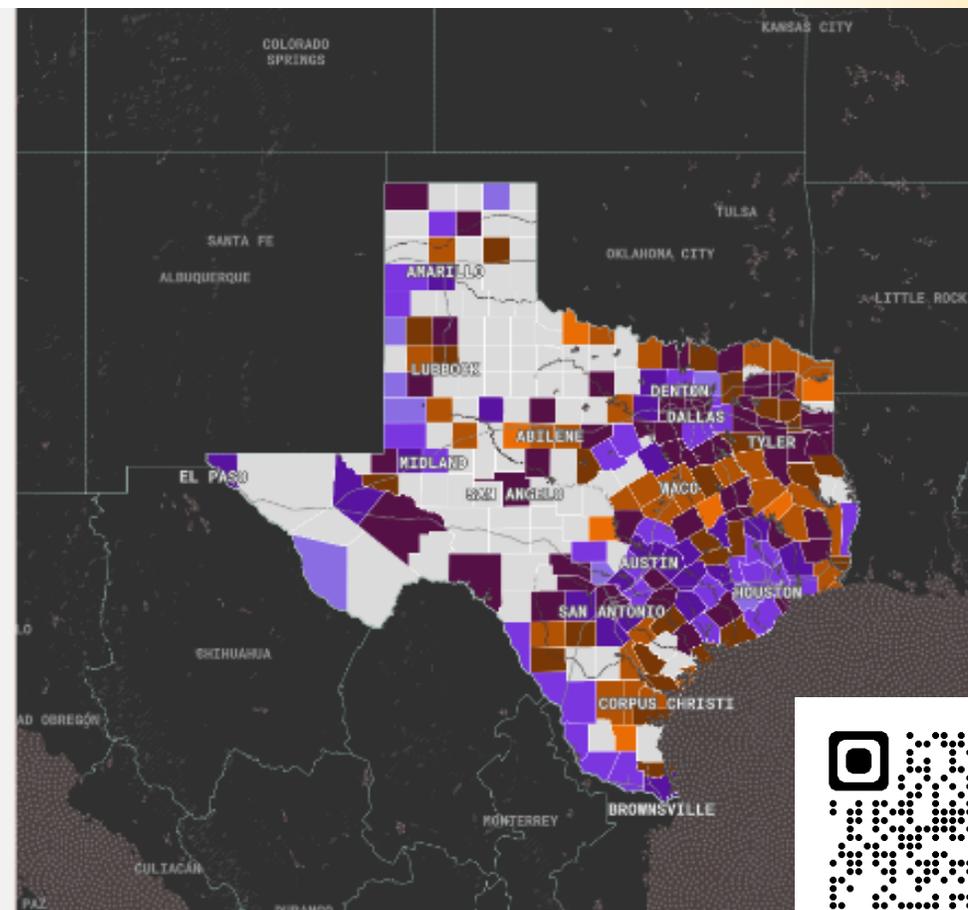
[Data Sources](#)

To request the predicted maltreatment risk score map layers for your modeling software, email us at [txsafebabies@utsystem.edu](mailto:txsafebabies@utsystem.edu).

Age group:

Geography:

Search by ZIP Code or county:



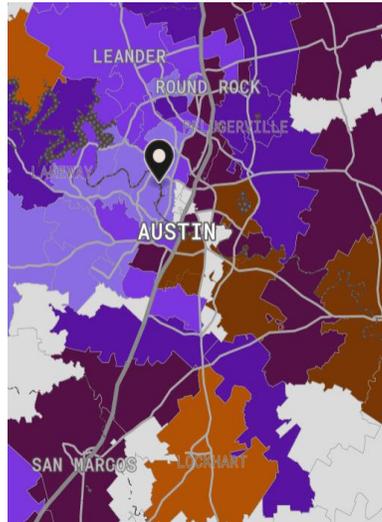
# Community Maltreatment Risk Maps



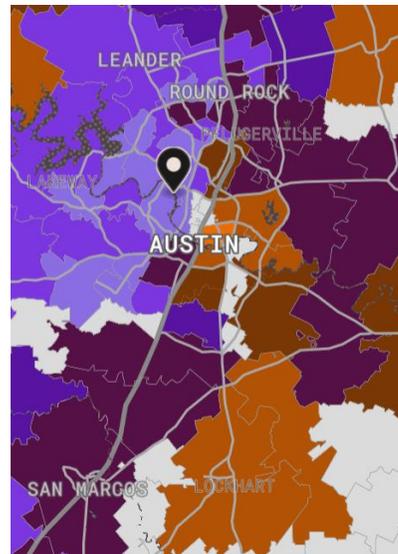
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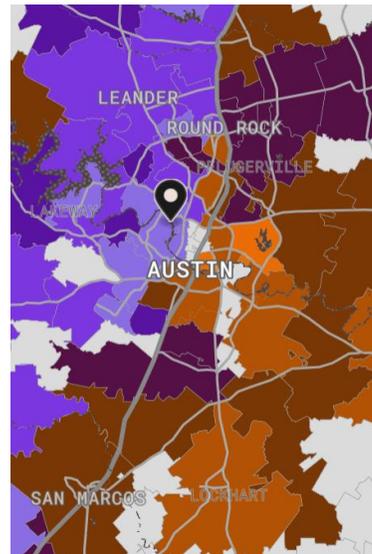
Age 5 to 9



Age 10 to 14



Age 15 to 17



## **Examples of Community Factors Related to Maltreatment**

### **Disability benefits**

Percent of adults 35 to 64 who are receiving SSN benefits for a qualifying disability

### **Less than a high school education**

Percent of Population 25 and older with less than a high school diploma

### **Deliveries to a teen mother**

Ratio of all hospital-based deliveries that were to a mother younger than 18 years old

### **Infant emergency department visits**

Ratio of infants with any emergency department visit per 10,000 infants in population



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BABIES

TODDLERS

KIDS

TWEENS & TEENS

ALL AGES

PARENTS

POPULAR TOPICS

FIND LOCAL SUPPORT

## The Best Gift You Can Give Is Time.

We are here to help you find that balance.



**BABIES**  
0-12 MONTHS

**TODDLERS**  
1-3 YRS

**KIDS**  
4-10 YRS

**TWEENS & TEENS**  
11+ YRS

**ALL AGES**

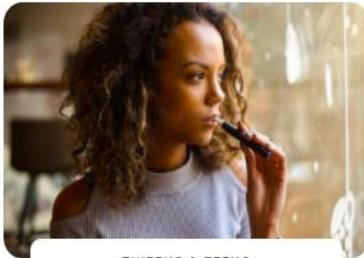
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### Popular Topics

As parents we want the best for our kids. Let us help you with tips from infants to teens.



Raising a family is one of the biggest jobs parents can face. We have topics that can help with understanding child development, keeping your kids healthy, tackling discipline, and ensuring you are in the know on how to keep your kids safe.



TWEENS & TEENS

#### Talking with Teens About Vaping

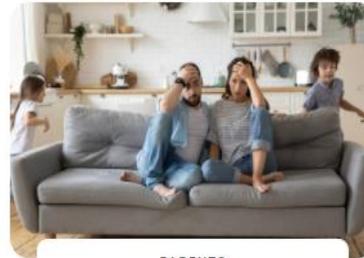
Learn how to talk to your tweens and teens about vaping and smoking.



KIDS

#### Healthy Meals for Kids

Raising your kids with healthy eating habits doesn't have to be hard.



PARENTS

#### Weathering COVID-19

Change is stressful even in good times, but when routines are disrupted it can make life really hard.

### Popular Topics



#### Development

A child's first five years of development are critical.



#### Health

Teach your child healthy habits.



#### Discipline

When kids act out it can be tough, but the key is to remain calm and consistent.



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# Lessons Learned: Successes

- Community Level **Engagement** and **Innovation**
- Network of **Evidence-Based Programming** and a **Growing Prevention Workforce**
- **Collective Impact** and **Community Collaboration** Beyond Evidence Based Programming
- **Continuous Quality Improvement for Child Welfare:**
  - Outreach to At-Risk Parents
  - Contracting for Outcomes and Model Fidelity



“ The support we received was welcomed and came at a time when we, as parents, needed to hear that we were not terrible at what we are doing.”

~ PEI Program Participant



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# Lessons Learned: Challenges

- **Scaling efforts**, particularly in rural areas
- Meaningfully **Intersecting** with **Child Protection Services**
- Changing **Community Norms**
- Serving **Hard-to-Reach Families**

With a rapidly increasing child population, it is crucial that Texas employs effective upstream prevention efforts.





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# Thank You!

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