

Cooperative Agreement

Between

Organizational Members of the Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Coalition

Organizations that are members of the Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Coalition (SX6) share a mutual commitment to supporting the optimal development of Travis County children through strategic collaboration on the <u>Austin Travis County Success By 6 Strategic Plan</u>. This is a shared, community-level plan developed through a collective-impact process that included broad stakeholder input and SX6 Leadership Team approval. The SX6 Leadership Team (SX6LT) serves as the governing body of the Coalition.¹

This cooperative agreement acknowledges an on-going relationship between the organizations of the SX6 Coalition with the objective of aligning human and financial resources – whenever possible and appropriate – and furthering the goals identified in the SX6 plan.

SX6 Coalition Member Organizations will:

- 1. Commit to upholding the values of the Coalition that:
 - a. Believes all children and families have inherent worth and an immense capacity to learn and thrive;
 - b. Values diversity and strives for equity in everything we do;
 - c. Honors the primary and vital relationship between parents/caregivers, families, and their children; and
 - d. Agrees that early childhood professionals should be provided with respectable working conditions and a living wage.
- 2. Identify at least one pillar of the plan that the organization's mission and actions fall under:
 - a. Healthy Beginnings
 - b. Supported Families
 - c. Quality Care & Education
 - d. Safe & Stimulating Communities
- 3. Identify how the organization is furthering efforts within at least one strategy to achieve the goals of the plan.
- 4. Actively participate in quarterly SX6 Stakeholder meetings with attendance of one or more representatives.

¹ *About the Success By 6 Leadership Team (SX6LT):

The SX6LT is convened by the United Way for Greater Austin. Members of the SX6LT are determined by the following criteria: a funding agency, sole designee of federal funding, collector/source of data analysis with no funding conflict, taxing entity, or influence in policy and research. The SX6LT provides oversight of the SX6 Coalition work on behalf of the larger community, and is accountable to the community for reporting on progress to the identified goals. The SX6LT will monitor and oversee agreements of the Coalition members in upholding the spirit of membership and these agreements.



- Acknowledge and incorporate the SX6 Coalition and its goals and priority strategies internally within their organizations and externally within the greater early childhood community when appropriate. This includes using the SX6 Coalition logo (according to the <u>SX6 Brand and</u> <u>Messaging Guide</u>) when feasible, for events, programs, and information that align with the Coalition's work.
- 6. When developing internal organization plans related to early childhood, member organizations will make every attempt to align such plans with those identified and promoted in the SX6 Strategic Plan.

As a Member Organization of the Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Coalition, organizations will receive the following benefits:

- Recognition on the SX6 Coalition website
- Use of the SX6 logo for events, programs, and information as appropriate. Suggested uses include for promotion of free and public family friendly events, outreach and recruitment, and when publishing documents using coalition data.
- Opportunity to promote events and programs through Coalition communication tools.
- Opportunity to leverage Coalition membership for funding purposes. Members can include membership in the Coalition as part of funding proposals or applications and receive letters of support after SX6LT review.

This agreement is strictly for internal management purposes for all parties. It is not legally enforceable and shall not be construed to create any legal obligation on the part of any party. Furthermore, the cooperative agreement is neither a funds nor fiscal obligation document. This agreement becomes effective when signed by the member organization.

Our organization commits to the following activities that support the priorities of the SX6 Coalition Plan: (Please list 3-5)



Name of Organization

Organization Representative

Signature

Representative Title

Date

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