

GREATER AUSTIN COMMUNITY COALITION ALIGNMENT

SHARED VISION

Improve and align systems to support parents with low-income and their children to succeed in school, work, and life, fostering a more equitable community and a prosperous economy for generations to come.

ALIGNED PRIORITIES

- Invest in families with low income
- Improve access to educational and economic opportunity
- Remove institutional barriers to success
- Foster more efficient and effective use of resources through collaboration
- Utilize a collective impact approach to achieve systems change
- Develop an ecosystem of intergenerational family stability

SUCCESS BY 6 ATX STRATEGIC PLAN

*Strengthen **future** workforce*

VISION | Public and private sectors in Austin/Travis County will work together to ensure that school readiness becomes and remains a top priority. By the time children enter kindergarten, they will have the cognitive, physical, social, emotional and language skills needed to thrive in an educational setting.

MASTER COMMUNITY WORKFORCE PLAN

*Strengthen **current** workforce*

VISION | A workforce system that effectively engages employers, community-based organizations, and educational institutions, empowers residents to more efficiently match employers' skill needs and successfully prepares economically disadvantaged residents for family-sustaining careers.

2-GENERATION STRATEGIC PLAN

*Connect efforts to strengthen **current and future** workforce*

VISION | Policies and programs are designed, and their resources are aligned, to help parents improve educational skills and become economically stable, to strengthen parents' ability to be positive influences on their children's development, and to help children achieve their maximum potential by simultaneously addressing the needs of parents and children.

Goal: All children enter kindergarten happy, healthy and ready to succeed in school and in life.

City of Austin Budget Asks that SX6 is Prioritizing to Help Achieve our Coalition Goals:

1. Advocate for the funding of one new FTE staff member at Austin Public Health to coordinate early childhood initiatives, programs and services with other city departments.
 - Estimated cost to the City of Austin: \$75,000 annually; this leverages a \$425,000 private investment from the Pritzker Children’s Learning Initiative Grant)
 - The Early Childhood Council has adopted this recommendation as one of their priorities to City Council.
2. Recommend that new property tax revenue from the “Manana Fund” be direct to early childhood initiatives to meet the City’s Strategic Direction 2023 goals.
 - Funding will help scale proven and effective programs aimed at improving access and quality and advance coordination and navigation for families and service providers.
3. Preserve current and future funding for Parent Support Specialists (PSS) within AISD.
 - PSS are instrumental in connecting families to the school communities.
4. Increase funding for the Ready Family Collaborative to adjust for the cost of living in Austin.
 - The last increase was 2.5% in January 2018.

AISD Budget Ask:

1. Provide funding for full-time assistants in every AISD Pre-K classroom
 - Current adult child ratio in Pre-K is 1 teacher to 19 students. This high ratio makes it nearly impossible for teachers to provide quality oral language development and targeted small group instruction.
 - SX6 recommends the state suggestion of 2 teachers : 22 children.

2-Gen Policy Committee Asks:

1. Expand and enact changes to public benefits eligibility (e.g., SNAP, TANF, HUD-supported housing) so that families don’t abruptly lose benefits once income exceeds the threshold.
2. Expand access to underutilized Austin ISD facilities for one-stop/co-located 2-Gen models serving parents with low income and their children, including community schools and/or schools with Family Resource Centers.
3. Align, expand, and increase City and County funding with this 2-Gen Strategic Plan and the 2-Gen model whenever appropriate
4. Ensure access to health insurance so more families with low income can access healthcare

Get Engaged! Interested in Advocating on Behalf of SX6/2-Gen Work?

- [Sign up](#) to stay informed and how you can use your voice to advance these policy priorities.
- Attend UWATX’s Advocacy 101 Training: Tuesday, Feb. 18th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at UWATX.
- Reach out to your network. Encourage parents, teachers, providers to attend the Advocacy 101 training and to sign up to join our grassroots advocacy efforts.