

Early Childhood & 87th Session

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Prenatal to 3 Collaborative (PN3) - The Texas Plan

- Increase the quality of and access to prenatal and postpartum health services for low-income mothers and health services for low-income infants & toddlers.
- Increase the number of and access to high-quality child care programs serving low-income infants & toddlers.
- Increase the number of low-income infants, toddlers, & families who are universally screened and successfully connected to prevention and early intervention services.

PN 3 Policy Priorities

Healthy Beginnings

•The case continues to be made for postpartum continuous coverage—many bills filed.

Early Care/Education

- •HB 3 fully funded
- •Childcare & supporting the workforce must be a priority this session.

Supportive Families

- •Early Childhood Intervention still lags in state budget—especially the Senate proposed budget.
- •Budget for home visiting looks strong-\$680K increase in funding to support home visiting
- •No additional funding to expand Family Connects secured at this time.
- •211 budget rider drafted focused on strengthening its ability to serve as a connector, a front door, connector, and data resource for critical community needs and services, including for families with young children as needed.

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