



Texas Association for the Education of Young Children

86th Legislative Session Policy Priorities

Improve measures related to early childhood safety and welfare

Support higher-quality standards in child care programs, including but not limited to achieving safe child-to-caregiver ratios and group sizes in licensed child care programs and the collection of data impacting improved standards.

Support the reinstatement of funding to Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) and Medicaid reimbursement rates for children with disabilities.

Support improvements to the Texas Rising Star (TRS) system including all programs receiving subsidized funding required to be on the TRS system, with data collection, evaluation and professional development standards.

Early Education Funding

Improve on the high quality PreK standards set by HB4 and Rider 78 and secure adequate funding, including public-private partnerships.

Maximize federal investment opportunities through the Preschool Development Grant by providing funding to support the implementation of strategic priorities of the Texas Early Learning Council.

Workforce retention and support

Secure continued funding for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] TEXAS Scholarships to offer CDA's, and Associate, as well as, new funding for Bachelor's degrees in early childhood and child development statewide. T.E.A.C.H. is making a difference not only for our workforce, but for the children who reap the benefits of a well-qualified teacher.

Support retention initiatives for early childhood professionals working on higher education degrees through employment incentives i.e. WAGE\$.