

# NURTURING EQUITABLE FOUNDATIONS FOR THRIVING FAMILIES:

A 2,000-day journey

Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Coalition Strategic Plan 2024-2029

**90%** of all brain development happens in the first five years, or 2,000 days, of life. Studies have shown that a child's experiences during those early years **literally build the architecture of their brain.** Richer early childhood experiences, science has discovered, lead to even more neural connections, which help **set children up for lifelong success.**



The Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Coalition creates opportunities for infants, toddlers, and young children impacted by poverty, especially those who identify as BIPOC, to receive high-quality education before they enter Kindergarten, while also fostering a community of parents, caregivers, and teachers ready to provide high-quality care. Our alliance creates a future in which all children **enter Kindergarten healthy, happy, and ready to succeed in school and life.**

## THE TRUTH IS:



Children from families with low income who attend pre-K are more than twice as likely to be school-ready, but only 16% of eligible 3-year-olds are served by pre-K3. (*E3 Alliance*)



1 in 3 children live in a very low or low opportunity neighborhood.

- *Low opportunity neighborhoods are based on economic and demographic factors such as income level, educational opportunities, health environment, concentrated inequity, and more. (United Way for Greater Austin and Diversity Data Kids)*



Black infants are about twice as likely as white infants to die during their first year of life. (*March of Dimes*)



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## 4 PILLARS TO IGNITE COLLECTIVE IMPACT

### Healthy beginnings

Families, especially Black families, families impacted by poverty, and families who possess complex documentation statuses, feel empowered to navigate a just medical and mental health system successfully.

### Supported families

Families, especially those who identify as BIPOC and with home languages other than English, have access to culturally affirming, age-appropriate resources to build on nurturing parent-child relationships.

### High-quality early care and education

Families impacted by poverty, especially those who identify as BIPOC and with home languages other than English, and children who have exceptional needs have the opportunity to experience high-quality equitable early care and education.

### Safe and stimulating communities

Families experience Austin/Travis County as a safe child and family-centered community that invests in joyful and engaging learning opportunities that honor exceptional needs, nurture healthy brain development, and ensure that children and families can thrive.

## ALIGNING OUR APPROACH

Streamlining efforts by dozens of organizations in the early childhood sector, we are amplifying our impact beyond what any organization can do alone. A snapshot of our strategies:



Center equity in our systems and programs



Ensure families have access to culturally affirming care



Strengthen referral pathways



Increase the availability of high-quality, affordable care



Secure additional sustainable funding sources



Highlight and advocate for the development of safe and joyful spaces designed for all families

“Leading with equity recognizes that inequalities exist in how young children and families access and experience quality early care and education. Without this acknowledgment, we will continue to perpetuate, if not exacerbate, the issues that Success By 6 intends to ameliorate.”

*-Success By 6 Leadership Team Member*



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