



Educating Families. Raising Families.
1972 - 2022



History

VISION

To create a community where all children regardless of income have an equal opportunity to become independent and self-sufficient adults.

MISSION

Provide high quality education and comprehensive support services for children and their families while supporting personal and social responsibility in the communities we serve.

50 YEARS of SERVICE

Child Inc Head Start is a national high-quality research based early childhood development program designed to promote school readiness for families living in poverty with children ages 0-5 including pregnant mothers, the program is focused on closing the achievement gap between more affluent peers and lower income children.

For 50 years, Child Inc has been preparing very low-income preschool children to succeed in school. We pursue a strong, clear, and comprehensive focus on all aspects of healthy development, including social, emotional, cognitive, physical development including mental health and disabilities.





Core Programs



- NAEYC Accredited Centers
- Early Head Start (EHS) for 0 to 3-year-olds
- Head Start (HS) Including Dual Language for 3-to 5-year-olds
- Home Based Services 0–3-year-olds
- Parent, Family and Community Engagement
- Summer Learning Program (funded in part by the COA)
- After School Program (funded in part by the COA & Travis County)
- Childcare Partnership Grant
- Pregnant / Expectant Families Program
- Fatherhood Engagement

Services provided in classroom learning, home visitor & collaborative classrooms within Austin, Del Valle, & Manor ISD's.



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Eligibility Requirements

- Income Eligible Families at 100% of HHS Poverty Guidelines
- SNAP, TANF and/or SSI Recipients

- Reside in Travis County
- Income Eligible Families with Children Ages Birth to Five
- Income Eligible Expectant Families

- Foster Children Are Eligible Regardless of Their Foster Family's Income
- Children From Families Experiencing Homelessness

Center Locations

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| 1 American Youth Works CDC** ~ 78741 | 15 Cook Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78758 |
| 2 Brodie CDC* ~ 78745 | 16 Galindo Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78704 |
| 3 Cedar Bend CDC* ~ 78758 | 17 Graham Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78753 |
| 4 Dawson CDC* ~ 78704 | 18 Harris Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78723 |
| 5 Dove Springs CDC ~ 78744 | 19 Ortega Elementary* - Austin ISD ~ 78721 |
| 6 Forbes CDC* ~ 78754 | 20 Palm School - Austin ISD ~ 78744 |
| 7 Fountain Plaza CDC* ~ 78751 | 21 Pecan Springs Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78723 |
| 8 Child Inc Main Office ~ 78751 | 22 Norman-Sims Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78721 |
| 9 Grant CDC* ~ 78758 | 23 Uphaus Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78744 |
| 10 Mainsprings CDC** ~ 78704 | 24 Walnut Creek Elementary - Austin ISD ~ 78753 |
| 11 Palomita CDC** ~ 78744 | 25 Del Valle Elementary* - Del Valle ISD ~ 78617 |
| 12 Rosewood Zaragosa CDC* ~ 78702 | 26 Manor Elementary - Manor ISD ~ 78724 |
| 13 South Austin CDC* ~ 78704 | * NAEYC Accredited |
| 14 St. James Episcopal CDC* ** ~ 78721 | ** Early Childcare Partnership Grant |



Funded Enrollment

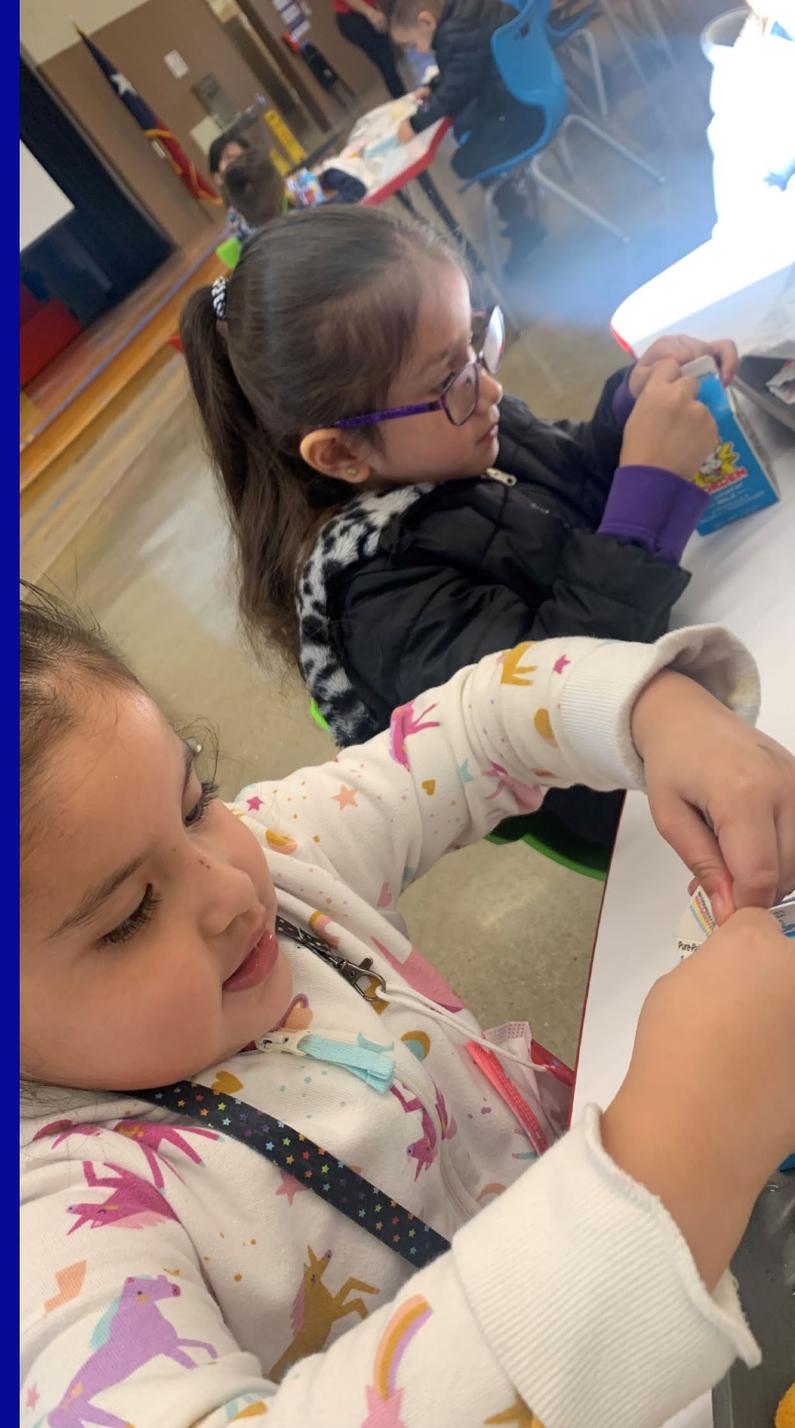
- Early Head Start = 338
- Head Start = 1,100
- Childcare Partnership = 56

Actual Enrollment

- Early Head Start = 254
- Head Start = 734
- Childcare Partnership = 34

Wait Lists

- Early Head Start = 200
- Head Start = 163
- Childcare Partnership = 15



Full Day Programing Supporting Working Families

After Care

Provides the additional 4 hours of care enabling working families to stay at their jobs while their children receive the same quality care. The program is modeled to follow the Standards as noted in the TX POST guidelines as it relates to quality early childhood development.

Enrolled 2022 ~ 138

Summer Learning

Provides both care and educational enrichment to help eliminate the educational fade-out that affects children who are out of school for long periods of time and ensures young children are ready start of the new school year. Approximately 250 Head Start children will be served in the Summer Learning Program of eligible working families.

Summer Program 2022 ~ 170 Enrolled, 84 Waitlisted



Wellness Services, the Foundation for School Readiness

HEALTH

Children need to be healthy to learn and develop, we help families identify a medical and dental home, receive age-appropriate preventative screenings & services.

Health Services

EHS = 53%

HS = 73%



MENTAL HEALTH

Child Inc has an on-site mental health department with licensed and bilingual mental health professionals who provide consultation, counseling and support for all our program options.

Mental Health Services

25 Consultations



NUTRITION

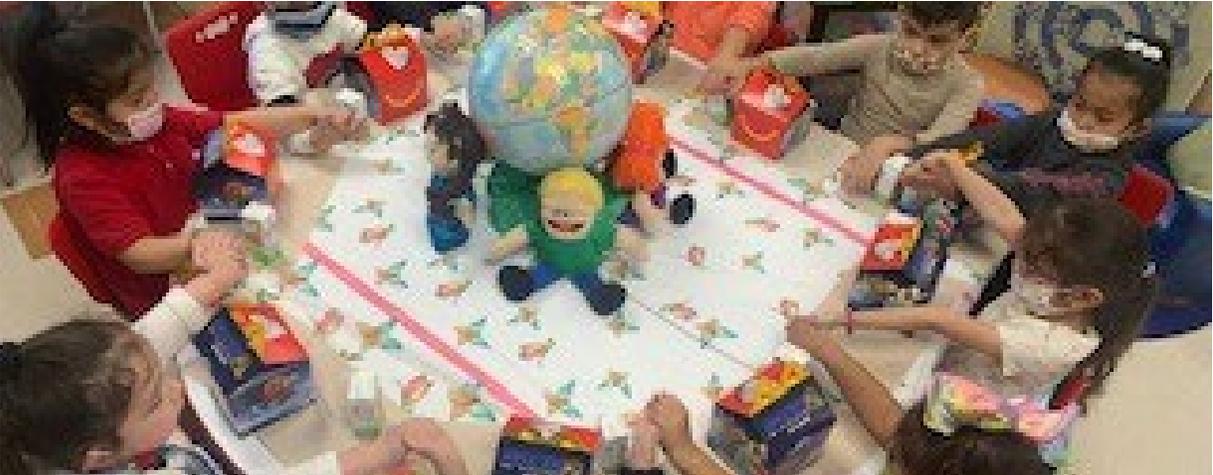
Services provide a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack for children. Children practice fine motor skills and social skills during mealtime. Pre-pandemic, Child Inc served over 400,000 healthy meals & snacks on an annual basis.



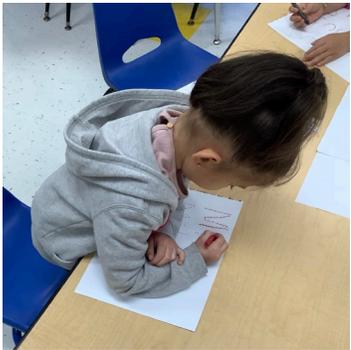
DISABILITIES

Our program offers stimulating settings where children with disabilities can interact with typically developing preschoolers. Ten percent of enrollment is reserved for children with disabilities.

Parent, Family & Community Engagement



IMPACT



Early Learning

Curriculum used in the classrooms adhere to both the Head Start School Readiness requirements and the Texas Prekindergarten Curriculum Guidelines to ensure proper alignment to school district expectations. This alignment ensures children are exposed to appropriate skills which will prepare them for Kindergarten.



Kindergarten Readiness

Our program creates stimulating learning environments, bilingual services and implements intentional teaching strategies ensuring all children are ready to succeed in school.

Transitions into Kinder 21/22

173



Home Visitation

Our home-based option delivers Early Head Start with full range of services, through visits with the child's parents, primarily in the child's home and through group socialization opportunities hosted at Child Inc sites and on field trips.

156 Enrolled



Families

We provide families a roadmap to success by establishing a positive goal setting plan. Relationships are designed to strengthen family well-being, parent-child relationship, families as learners and advocates as well provide connections to community resources.

650 Family Partnership Agreements



Community

Community partners provide tangible child development supports and resources that families need. We collaborate with families, community members, and other local agencies to identify common goals, align resources, and share data for continuous improvement and effective partnerships.



Child Care in Crisis Human Capital

Teacher & Support Staff Shortages

AFTER EFFECTS FROM THE COVID19 PANDEMIC

The pandemic brought to the forefront an industry already on the brink. An aging workforce, lower wages and difficulty in attracting new talent in the early childhood education arena all columnated into the perfect storm as a result of the pandemic.

Difficulty in hiring and training new staff has caused a significantly waitlist of families in need of quality care.



Constant Active Recruitment



Wages



Pipeline of Candidates



Partnerships

- ❑ Foster Grandparents Volunteer Program
- ❑ Maternal Infant Outreach Program (MIOP)
- ❑ Mother's Milk Bank –Breastfeeding and Education
- ❑ STEAM from the Start-Play Based Early Learning
- ❑ Austin Public Health
- ❑ City of Austin HHS Funding
- ❑ City of Austin Community Development Block Grant
- ❑ Travis County HHS Funding
- ❑ The Thinkery Children's STEAM Museum
- ❑ University of Texas School of Nursing
- ❑ Austin ISD
- ❑ Del Valle ISD
- ❑ Manor ISD
- ❑ Texas Empowerment Academy
- ❑ United Way for Greater Austin
- ❑ Any Baby Can
- ❑ Austin Voices for Education and Youth
- ❑ Austin Child Guidance Center
- ❑ University of Texas Department of Educational Psychology
- ❑ St. David's Foundation – Dental Care



Thank you.

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