



# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Investments for Early Childhood & Family Supports

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# ADDRESS GAPS IN CHILD CARE FOR FAMILIES

## Workforce Solutions Capital Area

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### Continuity of Care Expansion

**City:** \$1,965,104 - ***Underway***

**County:** \$906,399 - in  
process

**Goal:** Prevent childcare  
disruptions and move  
children off waitlist and into  
care



### Family & Community Engagement Navigator Staff

**City:** \$533,832 - ***Underway***

**County:** \$168,233 - in process

**Goal:** Move children off  
scholarship waitlist and into care  
through childcare scholarships,  
Head Start, Early Head Start, or  
public Pre-K

## STABILIZING THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

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**Workforce Solutions Capital Area –**  
Child Care Essential Worker Premium Pay

**City:** \$765,945 - *Underway*

**County:** \$385,785 - in process

**Goal:** Incentivize retention of childcare staff who have performed in-person throughout the pandemic at heightened risk to themselves



## STABILIZING THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

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### **Texas Association for the Education of Young Children -T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Texas Scholarship Program**

**City:** \$157,000 - ***pending administrative contract  
(April/May 2022 start)***

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Support early childhood educators to further their education in the field of early childhood to improve their qualifications and impact the quality of care provided to the children they serve



## STABILIZE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



### **Any Baby Can –** Ready Families Collaborative

**City:** \$177,083 - ***pending administrative contract (April/May 2022 start)***

**County:** (included in City amount)

**Goal:** Retain staff who are providing direct face-to-face services and reduce turnover rates



## EXPAND ACCESS TO FULL-DAY PRE-K

### Austin ISD –

Full-day Pre-K 3

**City:** \$902,075, *pending Council Approval May 19<sup>th</sup>*

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Expand full day Pre-K3 to 5 classrooms



### Del Valle ISD –

Dual-language Full-day Pre-K 4

**City:** \$750K – *Underway*

**County:** \$250K - Pending contract approvals

**Goal:** Expand access for children of families that do not qualify based on state income eligibility guidelines but cannot afford tuition-based Pre-K

## ENSURE HEALTHIEST START POSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN

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### **APH –** Family Connects Expansion

**City:** \$2,000,000; ***Underway***

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Expand services to another hospital system – Ascension Seton



### **United Way For Greater Austin –** Family Connects Evaluation

**City:** \$325K - ***Underway***

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Evaluation focused on local outcomes, with emphasis on ROI for health care payer

# INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE QUALITY CHILD CARE TO MEET NEEDS OF ALL FAMILIES

## United Way for Greater Austin – Pre-K Partnerships Hub



**City:** \$713K – Council approved February 3rd, *Underway*

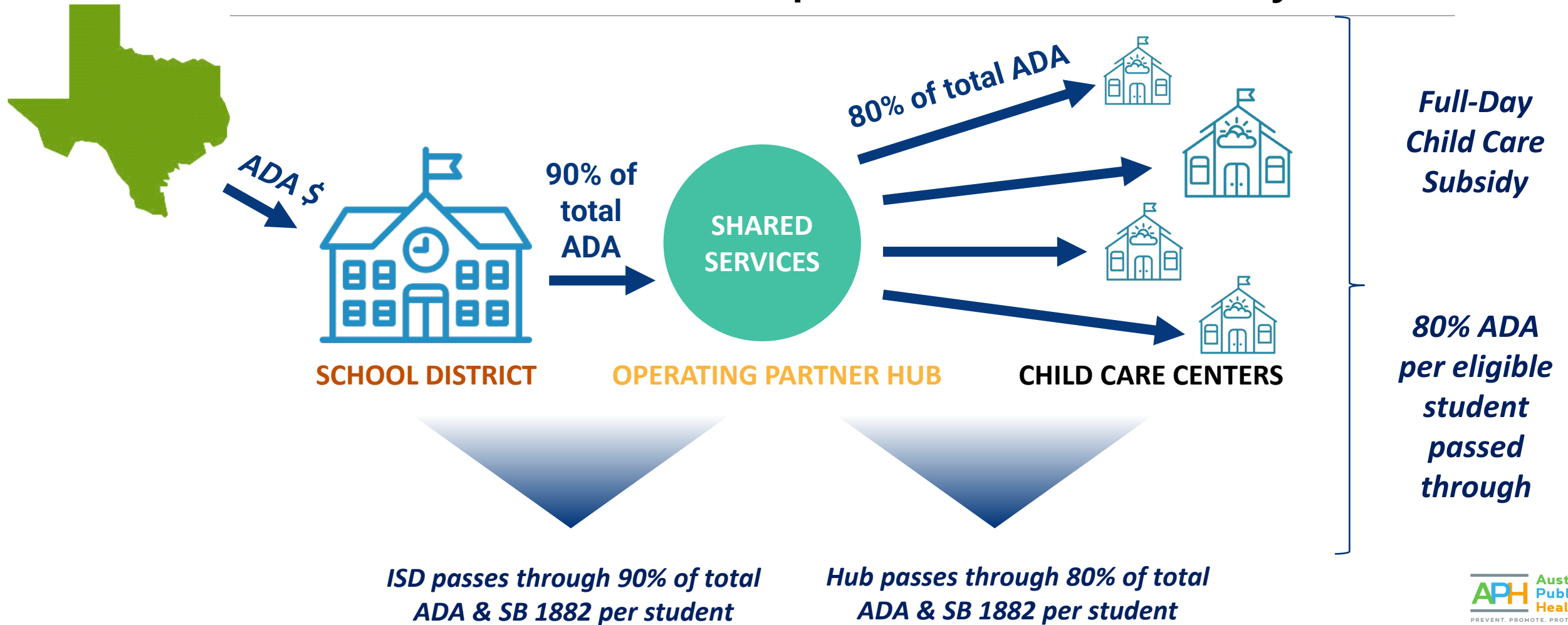
**County:** \$300K anticipated - Competitive Procurement Pending

### Goals:

- Support community-based child care and Head Start centers to leverage state funding for eligible Pre-K students based on average daily attendance (aka Mixed Delivery System)
- Increase number of children with access to public Pre-K
- Increase number of families receiving full-day, high quality care
- Increase the quality of early learning services provided at participating centers



# PreK Partnerships – Mixed Delivery



## INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE QUALITY CHILD CARE TO MEET NEEDS OF ALL FAMILIES

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**United Way for Greater Austin --  
Family-Based Child Care Networks**

**Sub-grantee: AVANCE, Inc.**

**City:** \$500K - - *Underway*

**County:** \$208K anticipated - Competitive Procurement  
Pending

**Goal:** Strengthen and scale efforts that increase the  
supply and quality of home-based child care in Austin-  
Travis County



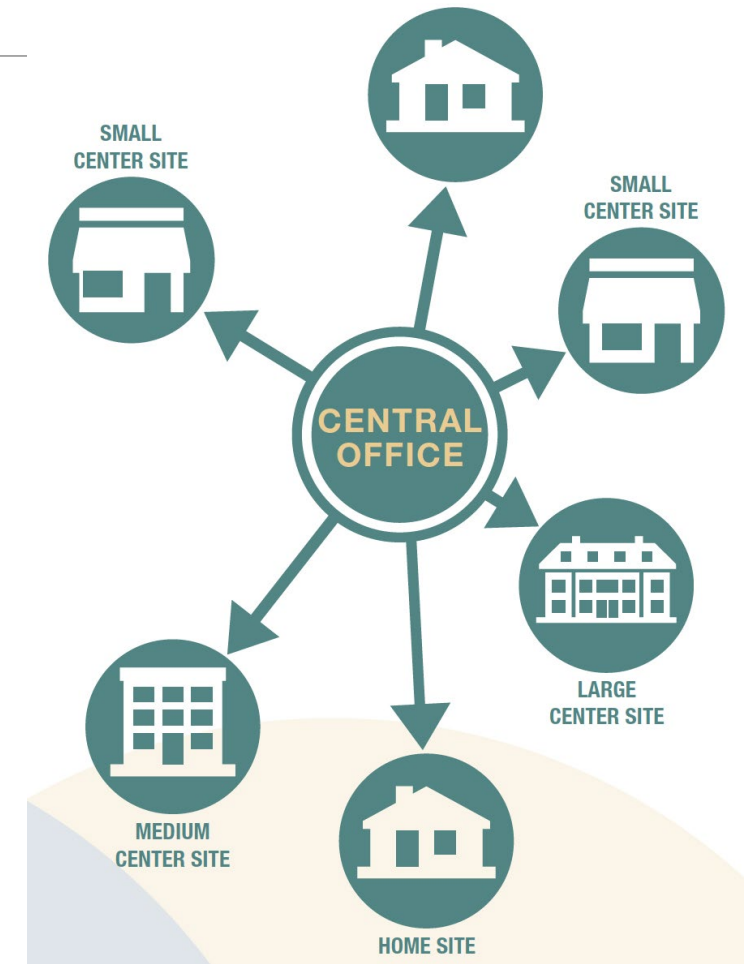
## PLAN & IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED GAPS & STRENGTHEN THE CHILD CARE SYSTEM

### United Way for Greater Austin – Shared Services Alliance

**City:** \$750K - *Underway*

**County:** \$312K anticipated - Competitive Procurement pending

**Goal:** Create a Tech-enabled Shared Services Alliance in Austin/Travis County serving 40 child care providers in order to strengthen the child care sector's capacity, and ultimately, the quality of their early learning services. The focus is on the business side of child care programs



# PLAN & IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED GAPS & STRENGTHEN THE CHILD CARE SYSTEM

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## **United Way for Greater Austin – Nontraditional Hour Care - Study & Pilots**

**City:** \$500K – *Underway*

**County:** \$208K anticipated - Competitive Procurement pending

### **Goals:**

- Analyze the community need for child care during non-traditional hours
- Develop policy and program recommendations to address the need identified
- Implement policy and program recommendations, including potential pilot programs, to incentivize building the supply of quality non-traditional hour child care options and help connect families seeking non-traditional hour care with quality options



# ONE-STOP SHOP FOR INDIVIDUALS NAVIGATING SOCIAL SERVICES & ACCESSING BENEFITS

**United Way for Greater Austin –  
ConnectATX and 2-1-1**

**City:** \$275,000; *Underway*

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Increase access to basic needs services through enhanced 211 and ConnectATX services



## INCREASE QUALITY OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES LIVING IN OR NEAR POVERTY

## ADDRESSING LEARNING GAPS

### United Way for Greater Austin

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#### Quality Assessment of After-School Programs

**Sub-grantee: Andy Roddick  
Foundation**

**City:** \$125,000; ***Underway***

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Increase quality of Out-  
of-School time (OST)  
programs through  
assessment and coaching



#### Literacy Tutoring

**Implementation Partners –  
COA Americorps Program,  
Literacy First, & YMCA**

**City:** \$175,000; ***Underway***

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Prevent summer  
learning loss through high-  
intensity tutoring

## INCREASE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS LEADING TO LIVING WAGE & BENEFITS

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### **United Way for Greater Austin – Job Training/Parent Support Program**

**City:** \$150,000; ***Underway***

**County:** N/A

**Goal:** Expand 2-Gen United Way workforce development program for young parents with low income in middle skill job training to increase retention and persistence



# ONGOING CHALLENGES IN THE ATX EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM

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- ☐ Child care scholarships waitlist
- ☐ Child care staffing
- ☐ Rising costs for child care facilities through property values and/or rent

Note: Travis County funding allocations for 2nd tranche of ARPA investments not yet known



# Questions

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