



Central Texas Statistics

Education

Early Childhood

- 90% of brain development occurs by age 5
- Every \$1 invested in quality early childhood education saves up to \$17 in remedial education, welfare costs, court expenses and prison
- 40% of Central Texas children are entering kindergarten 12-18 months developmentally behind

Middle and High School

- A mere 20% of limited English Proficiency Central Texas students passed the 8th grade science test
- 1 out of 4 of Central Texas high school students do not graduate
- Only 63% of economically disadvantaged students graduate from AISD high schools, compared to 88% of middle income students
- Middle school students with at least one supportive adult in their lives are almost twice as likely to graduate as those who do not
- Each year of high school dropouts costs Central Texas a minimum of \$425 million in lost earnings

Financial Stability

- 38% of Central Texans cannot meet their most basic financial needs
- Calls to 2-1-1 Texas/ United Way Helpline for basic needs assistance have increased 40% in 2009

Health

- 20% of children in Travis County are uninsured and an equal number are considered poorly nourished
- 55% of Central Texas emergency room visits could have been prevented with non-emergency primary care