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2013 Texas KIDS COUNT Annual Report

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Invest In Texas Kids. It Matters.

A 20-Year Look At Texas’ Budget For Our Children

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Educated Kids Make a Better Texas

State-level EDUCATION investments were related to children’s...

EDUCATION*  HEALTH  SAFETY  POSITIVE YOUTH BEHAVIOR
Healthy Kids Make a Better Texas

State-level HEALTH investments were related to children’s...

EDUCATION  HEALTH  SAFETY  POSITIVE YOUTH BEHAVIOR
Nourished Kids Make a Better Texas

State-level NUTRITION investments were related to children’s...
Where does Texas stand?

2013 KIDS COUNT PROFILE
TEXAS’ OVERALL RANK

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Where does Texas & Bexar Co. stand?
Economic Well-Being
Child poverty continues to climb even after recession

Census Bureau (Kids Count Data Center)
Poverty cutoff for a family of three

18,498 / year
But to make ends meet in San Antonio, a family of three needs to make at least . . .

34,308/ year

Although improving, one in three Bexar County kids still leave high school before graduation.
Bexar Co. kids on track with state for Enrollment in Texas colleges

- **Begin 4-year colleges**
  - Bexar Co.: 24%
  - Texas: 25%

- **Begin 2-year colleges**
  - Bexar Co.: 34%
  - Texas: 34%

Texas Regional Opportunity Index, CPPP
But falling behind in college completion

Student loan default

Bexar Co.: 22%
TX: 15%

2-year students who eventually get a B.A.

Bexar Co.: 9%
TX: 13%
Bexar Co. dropouts nearly 2x as likely to live in poverty as H.S. grads

Percentage in poverty

29% H.S. dropout
17% H.S. grad
11% 2-yr
5% 4-yr

2012 American Community Survey
Health
Texas’ uninsured kids less likely to be in excellent/very good health

- **Uninsured**: 58%
- **Public Ins**: 69%
- **Private Ins**: 90%

2007 National Survey of Children’s Health

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1 of every 9 Bexar Co. KIDS ARE UNINSURED
1 of every 2 Bexar Co.’s low-income ADULTS ARE UNINSURED

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2011 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, adults <138% FPL
### Coverage Gap for a Bexar Co. Family of Four

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If Texas accepts new Medicaid dollars, both families could be covered.

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Nutrition

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1 of every 4 Bexar Co. KIDS are FOOD INSECURE
We’ve made it harder to get food assistance

Each month, SNAP cuts =
Education

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Nearly One of Every Four Texas Preschoolers Not Read to Regularly

Source: 2011-12 National Survey of Children’s Health from Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center
50% of Bexar Co. 4-year-olds are attending preschool

CPPP analysis of 2010-11 school year enrollment data, TEA
Economically Disadvantaged kids who went to pre-k did better on their state standardized tests.

- Passed TAKS 3rd grade reading:
  - No Pre-K: 83%
  - Pre-K: 88%

- Passed TAKS 3rd grade math:
  - No Pre-K: 79%
  - Pre-K: 85%

Texas’ TAKS reading achievement gap shrinking

- Not Economically Disadvantaged:
  - 2003: 81%
  - 2011: 94%
  - GAP: 11 points

- Economically Disadvantaged:
  - 2003: 61%
  - 2011: 83%
  - GAP: 20 points

CPPP analysis of Texas Education Agency data.

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Better Texas +
Although a significant improvement from just a few years ago, nearly

Bexar County kids still leave high school before graduation

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2012 Attrition data, IDRA
Choices:
Texas underfunded public education by $5.3 Billion for 2012-13, or approximately $500 per student.
Choices:

Including the elimination of

- Pre-k expansion grants
- High school completion grants

CPPP analysis of data from the Legislative Budget Board
What’s our investment going forward?
In the 2013 Legislative Session . . .

Legislators put $3.2 Billion back into public education for 2014-15, or approx. $108 per student (after accounting for inflation & student population growth)

$108 ≠ $500

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CPPP analysis of Legislative budget data
Texas’ Current Investments in Kids
2011 vs. 2015

EDUCATION

$3,512

$3,031
Texas’ Current Investments in Kids
2011 vs. 2015

CHILD HEALTH

$1,481

$1,272
Texas’ Current Investments in Kids
2011 vs. 2015

EVERYTHING ELSE

$615

$550
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What can YOU do?
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act NOW
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6 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO INVEST IN TEXAS KIDS!

• Share what you learned today on social media.
• Donate food to a local food bank.
• Volunteer at your neighborhood school.
• Help a friend or family member get health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
• Tell your elected officials to invest in our future by investing in Texas kids.
• Vote for candidates who will invest in kids!

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