

Voices for Children of San Antonio

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In order for Voices for Children to continue its successful work in the areas of public policy, research, public awareness, and community organizing, a portion of our budget must come from our community. We are asking for your critical support for our efforts.

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Task Forces

- Abuse & Neglect Early Care & Education Health Care

Voices for Children of San Antonio's' work centers around three types of activity:

- **Research**
We convene stakeholders, experts in various arenas of interest, to identify issues to be addressed to improve outcomes for children. These may be public policies or programmatic practices.
- **Advocacy**
We organize those stakeholders to develop recommendations that we advance to policy makers. In the programmatic area, we serve as a catalyst for collaboration, working for more effective service delivery to clients.
- **Building Public Will**
We work to frame clear and consistent messages that convey the wisdom of investing early in human capital development. Research supports that the pre-school years, birth to about age five, offer the richest opportunity to lay a positive foundation for a lifetime of fulfillment.

Your financial contribution will fund many unique and essential initiatives, including:

- Monthly Task Force Meetings in Child Abuse & Neglect and Early Care & Education discuss issues and develop action plans to improve outcomes for children
- Development of state and local policy agendas
- Constituent group meetings with our elected policy-makers to advocate for children
- Regular emails on issues of Child Abuse & Neglect, Early Care & Education and Health Care
- Clear, concise and consistent messages to make San Antonio a City for Kids!

Recent work and accomplishments include:

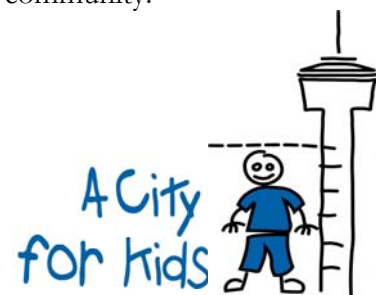
Our Early Care & Education Task Force has focused on improving the quality of child care in our community. At the local level, their efforts have established a recurring line item in the City of San Antonio budget of nearly half-a-million dollars to support the professional development of child care teachers. They also continue to work on identifying and filling gaps in training content and geographic availability.

The VOICES Abuse & Neglect group this past year has worked to articulate a collaborative model to strengthen young families in jeopardy and is working to identify an agency to implement the plan. On the state legislative field, we are developing position papers to provide greater support for kinship placements of children in the Child Protective System. Legislation is currently being drafted to address financial support while the group continues to work on other related concerns as well.

In Health Care we have networked stakeholders to help bring two Nurse-Family Partnership programs to San Antonio. This is a national, research-based program funded by the State of Texas through a competitive grant process. We continue to work with both grantees, the University Health System and the Children's Shelter, to facilitate collaboration for maximum benefit in our community.

Join us!

Together we can make San Antonio



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