

Community Needs in Central Texas

Family Centered Care

Family services are integral to creating a healthy and sustainable community. According to data from the American Community Survey, 41% of Travis County children live in low-income families and 62% of children in single parent headed families are low-income. These families are struggling to get the holistic care they need in Central Texas.

According to local coalition of nonprofits, One Voice Central Texas, the City of Austin, spends just 2% of its budget on Health and Human Services, compared to other cities like Denver (10%), San Francisco (11%), and San Antonio (7%). In addition, 20% of those living in the area under 65 currently are living without health insurance, according to the Community Action Network. Last year the City “approved a budget policy indicating a need to increase investment in Health & Human services by \$6.7 million in 2016” (One Voice Central Texas).

The nonprofit sector in Austin is currently confronted with a growing population of families that need day-to-day wrap around services. During Amplify Austin Day 2015, over 27% of donors chose to donate to Health and Human Services organizations. Local nonprofits have proven that investing in family centered care is cost efficient and effective. These three organizations have equipped families with the tools they need to live healthy sustainable lives in Central Texas.



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The Austin Project is a nonprofit organization that acts as a catalyst for community efforts to help ensure children, youth, and families achieve their full potential through their school-based Family Resource Centers. Family Resource Centers, first developed in 1995, focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. Because the FRCs are located on campus and in the communities, The Austin Project is able to align direct services to families immediately.

Peoples Community Clinic was founded in 1970 by local volunteers in the basement of the Congregational Church near the UT

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campus. Since day one, the PCC’s mission has been to improve the health of medically underserved and uninsured Central Texans by providing high quality, affordable healthcare with dignity and respect. The clinic provides high quality prenatal and family planning services, pediatrics, adolescent medicine and adult care to hundreds of uninsured and underserved Central Texans every day.

SAFE stands for Stop Abuse for Everyone. Through their program, Strong Start, SAFE empowers families through early childhood services and family support. The program is for parents of children five years of age and younger who are experiencing extraordinary stress in their lives. The program focuses on building successful and resilient children through strengthening parents and preserving families.

I Live Here, I Give Here is privileged to collaborate with each of these fine organizations and many more. Our website, **www.AmplifyATX.org** is a market place of local causes. Visit it today to learn more about all of our partner organizations that are focused on helping families in our community.



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