

# Ready Children Impact Council Results, Indicators and Strategies

## Result 1. All children grow up in safe, stable and nurturing environments

Indicator: # of confirmed victims of child abuse per 1,000 children

### Strategies

- Expand access to child and/or adult mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence and/or respite care services
- Increase parent and caregiver knowledge and understanding of age-appropriate developmental milestones through preventive programs (ex: community health worker, *promotora*, home visiting programs)
- Utilize faith-based networks, educational institutions, hospitals, community agencies and business community to educate community on prevention and intervention

## Result 2. All children are healthy in mind, body and spirit

Indicator: % of pregnancies receiving late or no prenatal care

### Strategy

- Increase access to prenatal care for at-risk mothers in segments of the community where there is an indication of need

## Result 3. All children are curious learners progressing towards their full potential

Indicator: % of children/childcare slots in quality early childhood education centers\*

### Strategies

- Increase and maintain the number of quality early childcare slots with priority for children ages 0 to 3
- Partner with early childhood education centers to create a culture of child-centered and developmentally appropriate practices in all of the following ways:
  - Provide access to professional development for early childhood education directors and teachers
  - Provide support and incentives for early childhood education centers to progress toward accreditation
  - Expand mentorship/service learning opportunities with Texas Rising Star
- Expand dual-credit programs focused on earning an Associate of Arts in Child Development at the high school level

*\* Quality early childhood education centers are defined as childcare centers with Texas Rising Star certification, national accreditation or participation in a quality childcare continuum.*

Indicator: % of Kindergarteners assessed as vulnerable in 4 of the 5 developmental domains

### Strategies

- Conduct early developmental social/emotional screenings for more children ages 0 to 5
- Increase parent and caregiver knowledge and understanding of age-appropriate developmental milestones through preventive programs (ex: community health worker, *promotora*, home visiting program)
- Initiate a "Kinder Camp" for children about to enter Kindergarten, which helps decrease summer learning loss and transition to the norms of a school environment before they start the school year