



Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five Year Two Accomplishments

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Connect Families to Services and Engage Families as Leaders

The new Early Childhood Texas website, scheduled to launch later this summer, will feature an eligibility screener, currently in the final stages of approval. TWC is partnering with a vendor to develop this screener, which will include criteria for child care scholarships, public school pre-K, and Head Start/Early Head Start.

Support Local Systems Building

Texas' Help Me Grow (HMG) entity collaborated to design a funding opportunity to advance local early childhood systems. Grantees are implementing four new HMG affiliates, coordinating early childhood coalitions in 10 communities, and establishing or enhancing centralized access navigation, including a central intake and referral system in seven communities. Centralized resource navigation, facilitated by family navigators, connects families to needed services, improving coordination and ensuring resource access.

Expand Access to High Quality Programs

PDG B-5 funding was used to support eight full-time CCR navigator positions, focusing on child care deserts and rural areas. This investment aims to decrease permitting timelines, increase providers in high-need areas, ensure program sustainability, and improve access to resources for new child care operations.

Strengthen and Build the ECCE Workforce

The Early Educator Credit Pathways Support funding opportunity aims to develop more robust pathways for early educators, starting in high school and continuing through various options like CDA credential attainment or enrollment in public Texas Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs). This model supports credit for prior learning between educational programs and builds a pipeline of qualified professionals. TWC will offer funding to Public IHEs and their public educational partners for personnel and indirect costs to develop these pathways, specifically credit for prior learning from CDA® to associate or bachelor's degrees, and from associate to bachelor's degrees. The application period has ended, but more information can be found here: [Credit Pathways](#)

Develop a Statewide Integrated Data System

The TEA team is poised to hire for two new roles to focus on Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) efforts at the agency: an ECIDS Product Manager housed as a new full-time position in the Early Childhood Education division and an ECIDS Business Analyst hired as a contractor in the IT department.

Reports and Studies

The Texas Early Learning Council (TELC) Strategic Plan Workgroup convened for its inaugural meeting in early December 2024. The group comprises six members from the TELC and four appointed individuals. The primary objective of the TELC Strategic Plan Workgroup is to address and advance the Goals and Action Items from the Strategic Plan that are assigned to the TELC.

Websites

[PDG B-5 Site](#)

[Early Childhood Texas](#)

[Help Me Grow Texas](#)

[Early Childhood Mental Health](#)

[Early Educators Credit Pathways](#)

[Statewide Needs Assessment](#)

[Statewide Strategic Plan](#)