

# Child and Youth Development

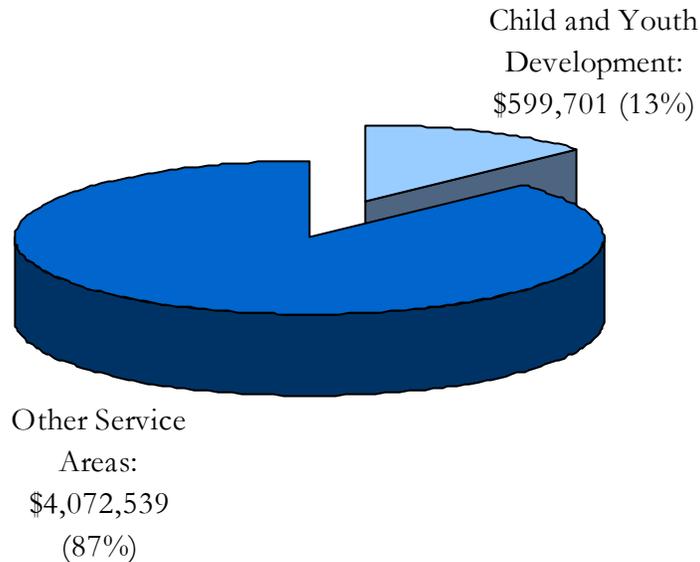
## Goals and Services

Programs within this service area promote the availability, affordability, accessibility, and quality of a continuum of services that advance the acquisition of assets that support social, emotional, cognitive, and physical well-being among children and youth. Some examples of services provided by programs within this service area are direct services to enhance the child’s or youth’s development and related skill development for the adults in their lives (e.g., parents, child care providers, teachers and community leaders).

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## Percent of Investment in Child and Youth Development and Other Service Areas, 2008



## Highlights of Community Conditions

TCHHS/VS has departmental and contracted programs that offer services for children and youth. Contracted services in this issue area help to ensure the successful development of children and youth from early childhood through young adulthood.

Some key indicators measure the community conditions of children and youth, their families, and their community.

In Travis County, the **under-18 population is growing at a faster rate than the population as a whole**, up 27% from 2000 to 2007, compared to an overall population growth of 20%.<sup>73</sup> The youngest of the under-18 population has the fastest growth, with a 35% increase in the population under 5-years-old and a 33% rise in the 5- to 9-year-old population.<sup>74</sup> This population growth is likely to increase demand for child and youth development services.

Growth in Population by Age				
Travis County, 2000-2007				
	2000	2007	Growth	% Change
Total population	812,280	974,365	162,085	20%
Under 18 years:	192,547	243,609	51,062	27%
• Under 5 years	58,494	78,684	20,190	35%
• 5 to 9 years	53,931	71,648	17,717	33%
• 10 to 14 years	51,177	58,091	6,914	14%
• 15 to 17 years	28,945	35,186	6,241	22%

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Source data: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and American Community Survey, 2007

One important component of successful child development is the **quality of child care** available to families with young children. Research shows that children in “quality” child care settings are more successful in future years.<sup>75</sup> In our community, we have utilized a series of progressive standards to measure quality. Texas Rising Star and Austin Rising Star represent state- and local-level child care quality accreditation programs available to providers through the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards. Accredited providers must meet requirements that exceed the State’s Minimum Licensing Standards for child care facilities, and providers achieve graduated levels of certification by meeting progressively higher certification requirements.<sup>76</sup> Child care providers meeting Rising Star accreditation standards increased by nearly 68% from 1999 to 2007.<sup>77</sup> Providers seeking National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation are measured against national standards<sup>78</sup> on education, health, and safety.<sup>79</sup> While there has been an overall increase in local providers participating in quality accreditation programs, in 2007 there was a 13-center decrease in providers with NAEYC accreditation.<sup>80</sup>

Child care is also closely tied to Workforce Development. Access to **affordable child care** is a common barrier to finding and maintaining employment. The average cost of child care in Travis County varies by the type of child care facility and age of the child. At licensed centers as of October 2008, the average cost of child care ranged from \$789/month for a newborn to 11-month-old to \$251/month for afterschool care for a school-aged child.<sup>81</sup> Registered and licensed home

rates are similar - \$594/month and \$273/month for a newborn to 11-month-old and a school-aged child, respectively.<sup>82</sup> Child care can comprise a substantial portion of family expenses. The median gross household income for married-couple families with children under 18, in 2007 inflation-adjusted dollars, was \$85,399.<sup>83</sup> Male householders with children had a median income of \$31,801, while female householders with children had the lowest median income, at \$26,734.<sup>84</sup> Thus, a female householder earning the median income amount could pay up to 35% of her gross income in child care, using the \$789/month average rate.

Initial success in school (grades Kindergarten to 3) is influenced by a number of **family risk factors**, including:

- Household poverty: In Travis County, 10% of families and 19% of children under age 18 live in **poverty**.<sup>85</sup> Single female-headed households with children have a poverty rate (32%) that is roughly four times higher than the rate for married couples with children (8%) and double that of single male-headed households with children (16%).<sup>86</sup>
- A non-English primary home language: Almost a third of households in Travis County speak a language other than English at home, and of those, 42% report that they speak English “less than very well.”<sup>87</sup>
- The mother’s education being less than a high school diploma/G.E.D.: Almost one quarter (23%) of female householders have less than a high school education.<sup>88</sup>
- A single-parent household: 28% of families are headed by a single parent.<sup>89</sup>

As the number of family risk factors increases, children’s achievement gains in reading and mathematics decrease.<sup>90</sup>

**Family violence** influences the entire spectrum of child and youth development. In 2007, there were close to 12,000 alleged victims of child abuse/neglect in Travis County, with 2,280 confirmed victims.<sup>91</sup> In the same year there were 9,176 incidents of family violence in Travis County.<sup>92</sup> The rate of children in family violence shelters was 2.9 per 1,000 in 2006, slightly higher than the state rate of 2.6.<sup>93</sup>

These same family risk factors that influence early educational success are also likely to influence the overall success of children and youth of all ages. **Youth development** indicators focus on educational success and behavioral risk factors.

The student population in Travis County schools<sup>94</sup> classified as Limited English Proficient (LEP), economically disadvantaged, or otherwise “at-risk” has grown at a much higher rate than the total student population. **At-risk<sup>x</sup> student growth has increased 21%** from 2004-2008, compared to an 8% growth in overall student population.<sup>95</sup> In 2007, the average graduation<sup>96</sup> rate for all students, grades 9-12, was 82.0%.<sup>97</sup> At-risk student graduation rates were lower, at 68.4%.<sup>98</sup> Successful completion of high school influences future career opportunities, and educational attainment greatly impacts earnings. Individuals without a high school education had 2007 median earnings of \$21,260, 16% less than individuals with a high school education or equivalent and 56% less than individuals with a bachelor’s degree.<sup>99</sup>

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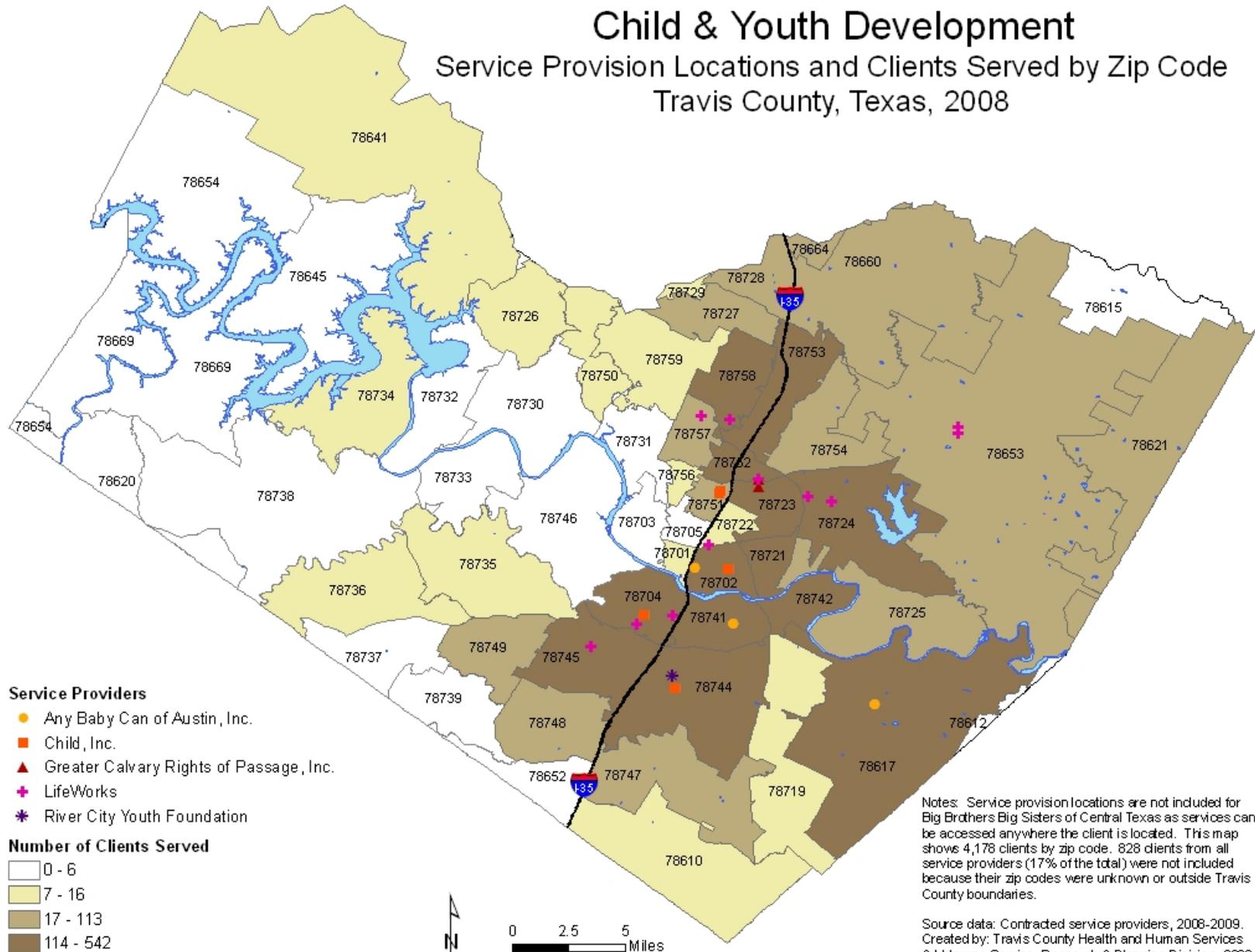
<sup>x</sup> A student is identified as at-risk of dropping out of school based on state-defined criteria. Please refer to the 2007-2008 AEIS Glossary for at-risk student criteria: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/2008/glossary.html>.

One behavioral risk factor is **youth violence**. Over a third (35%) of Texas high school students were in a physical fight during 2007, 19% had carried a weapon, and 7% carried the weapon on school property.<sup>100</sup> The juvenile crime rate for Travis County in 2006 was 228.1 per 100,000, exceeding the state rate of 190.0 per 100,000.<sup>101</sup> The incidence of juvenile crime triples during afterschool hours, and children are at greater risk of being victims of crime during this same time period.<sup>102</sup>

Teen **sexual activity** is another youth risk indicator. Over half (53%) of Texas high school students have had sexual intercourse, and 39% are sexually active.<sup>103</sup> In a 2005 Ready by 21 survey, only 54% of Travis County youth who were sexually active reported using any form of birth control.<sup>104</sup> However, the Travis County teen pregnancy rate remains one of the lowest in the state. In 2005, 10.3% of births were to teens aged 13-19 years old, less than the state rate of 13.5%.<sup>105</sup>

## Child & Youth Development

### Service Provision Locations and Clients Served by Zip Code Travis County, Texas, 2008



## **Any Baby Can of Austin, Inc.**

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### **Any Baby Can**

#### **Program Description**

Any Baby Can strives to ensure that children reach their potential by providing education, therapy, home visitation, and family support services. The main programs offered are Early Childhood Intervention (ECI), Comprehensive Advocacy and Resources for Empowerment (CARE), Healthy and Fair Start (HFS), Parenting Education, and Basic Needs Assistance (BNA).

#### **Funding**

The total TCHHS/VS investment in the Any Baby Can program for 2008 was \$179,538. This investment comprised 6.7% of the total program budget.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

All programs serve residents of Travis County whose income is no more than 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level. ECI serves children 36 months and younger who reside in zip codes: 78610, 78612, 78617, 78702, 78704, 78719, 78721, 78725, 78741, 78744, and 78747. CARE serves youth 21 years old and younger who have a chronic illness, physical disability, or developmental disability. HFS serves families with children five years old and younger who are at-risk for child abuse and neglect and reside in the following zip codes: 78702, 78721, 78723, 78741, 78744, or 78752. Parenting Education serves expectant parents or families of children 12 years old and younger. BNA serves clients who participate in Any Baby Can's programs with case management.

**Client Demographics**

A majority (59%) of clients were female. Over a third (36%) of clients were children 5 and under and almost a quarter (24%) were in the 25 to 36 age range. Two-thirds of clients were Hispanic or Latino and most (83%) clients were White. Income levels were unknown for 79% of clients. Of clients reporting income, 7% of clients had incomes between 50 and 100% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level. (See Appendix C for specific guideline income levels.) Please note that a relatively small share of the demographic statistics apply to clients participating in other programs and clients participating in the intake process that may not have participated in the program. Staff members expect that these clients have similar demographics to those participating in the contracted program and are taking steps to ensure that their 2009 data do not include these additional cases.

<b>Gender</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Age</b>	Number	Percent
Female	1,415	59%	5 and Under	864	36%
Male	974	41%	6 to 12	151	6%
Balance – Not Specified	3	0.1%	13 to 17	137	6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,392</i>	<i>100%</i>	18 to 24	389	16%
			25 to 36	576	24%
			37 to 55	227	9%
			56 to 74	29	1%
			75 and Over	1	0.04%
			Balance – Not Specified	18	1%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>2,392</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Race</b>	Number	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	1,578	66%	American Indian or Alaskan Native	8	0.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino	814	34%	Asian	25	1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,392</i>	<i>100%</i>	Black or African American	365	15%
			Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	0.3%
			White	1,987	83%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>2,392</i>	<i>100%</i>
			<b>Income</b>		
			<50% of FPIG	82	3%
			50% to 100%	160	7%
			101% to 150%	152	6%
			151% to 200%	66	3%
			>200%	33	1%
			Balance – Not Specified	1,899	79%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>2,392</i>	<i>100%</i>

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Client Zip Codes**

Over a third (34%) of clients were located in the Southeast area of Travis County, and 19% were located in the East area. Southwest (13%) and Northeast (13%) areas also accounted for sizeable shares of the client population. (See Appendix E for zip code classification map.) Please note that a relatively small share of the zip code statistics apply to clients participating in other programs and clients participating in the intake process that may not have participated in the program. Staff members expect that these clients have similar zip codes to those participating in the contracted program and are taking steps to ensure that their 2009 data do not include these additional cases.

<b>Central</b>	Number	Percent	<b>North</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Northeast</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Southwest</b>	Number	Percent
78701	11	0.5%	78727	18	0.8%	78621	4	0.2%	78704	128	5.4%
78705	3	0.1%	78728	16	0.7%	78653	30	1.3%	78735	7	0.3%
78751	16	0.7%	78729	11	0.5%	78660	45	1.9%	78736	1	0.0%
78756	2	0.1%	78757	14	0.6%	78664	31	1.3%	78737	2	0.1%
<i>Total Central</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	78758	83	3.5%	78752	56	2.3%	78739	3	0.1%
			78759	8	0.3%	78753	124	5.2%	78745	102	4.3%
<b>East</b>			<i>Total North</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	78754	19	0.8%	78748	55	2.3%
78702	130	5.4%				<i>Total Northeast</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>12.9%</i>	78749	15	0.6%
78721	102	4.3%						<i>Total Southwest</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>13.1%</i>	
78722	12	0.5%	<b>Northwest</b>			<b>Southeast</b>			<b>West</b>		
78723	109	4.6%	78641	10	0.4%	78610	14	0.6%	78620	6	0.3%
78724	70	2.9%	78645	4	0.2%	78617	80	3.3%	78703	2	0.1%
78725	24	1.0%	78669	2	0.1%	78719	11	0.5%	78733	4	0.2%
<i>Total East</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>18.7%</i>	78726	9	0.4%	78741	323	13.5%	78738	1	0.0%
<b>Other/Unknown</b>			78731	3	0.1%	78742	6	0.3%	78746	1	0.0%
Other	180	7.5%	78732	2	0.1%	78744	333	13.9%	<i>Total West</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0.6%</i>
Unknown	96	4.0%	78734	6	0.3%	78747	42	1.8%			
<i>Total Other/Unknown</i>	<i>276</i>	<i>11.5%</i>	78750	6	0.3%	<i>Total Southeast</i>	<i>809</i>	<i>33.8%</i>			
			<i>Total Northwest</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>1.8%</i>						

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Performance Goals and Results**

Any Baby Can successfully met its performance goals across all outputs and outcomes except for the third outcome. Staff members attribute this to changes in the frequency of measuring HFS service plan goals. Due to increased funding, the HFS program now has seven Parent Educators; this increase in staff lead to a larger number of clients served than anticipated (see output 3). They note an increase in the number of referrals for ECI services (see output 1); enrollment in child development staff training was also maximized (see output 5).

**Any Baby Can Performance Measures, Actual Results, and Goals for 2008**

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	% of Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
<i>Outputs</i>			
Number of unduplicated children provided comprehensive ECI services (ECI)	493	400	123%
Number of unduplicated children provided medical case management services (CARE)	268	240	112%
Number of unduplicated parents provided home-based parenting education/case management services (HFS)	217	136	160%
Number of unduplicated parents provided center-based education for parenting	985	910	108%
Number of early childhood development staff receiving training or technical assistance	144	120	120%
<i>Outcomes</i>			
Percentage of unduplicated children receiving follow-up ECI Service Plans for measuring change in developmental status	50% (247/493)	50% (200/400)	100%
Percentage of unduplicated children completing CARE case management and achieving 75% of their service plan goals	96% (113/118)	90% (109/121)	106%
Percentage of unduplicated parents achieving at least 66% of their HFS service plan goals	34% (55/164)	55% (55/100)	61%
Percentage of parents who complete the reflective SafeParenting Program Participant Survey and report more frequent use of effective parenting strategies/techniques for at least 67% of the items surveyed	94% (49/52)	81% (22/27)	116%

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas**

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### **Mentoring**

#### **Program Description**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas helps children reach their potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships. This program seeks to reduce gang involvement, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, school drop-out, and delinquency behaviors for high-risk youths.

#### **Funding**

The total TCHHS/VS investment in the Mentoring program for 2008 was \$62,257. This investment comprised 11.4% of the total program budget.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

This program serves mostly low-income boys and girls from single-parent families residing in Travis County. However, this program serves any youth ages 6 to 17 in need of a supportive adult relationship.

**Client Demographics**

Slightly more than half (55%) of clients served were female. Almost two-thirds (63%) were ages 6 to 12, and 37% were ages 13 to 17. Almost half (46%) of clients were Hispanic or Latino and 51% of clients were White. Black or African-American clients comprised 41% of the client population. Most (81%) clients had incomes below 50% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level. (See Appendix C for specific guideline income levels.)

<b>Gender</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Age</b>	Number	Percent
Female	883	55%	6 to 12	1,005	63%
Male	721	45%	13 to 17	599	37%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,604</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1,604</i>	<i>100%</i>

<b>Ethnicity</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Income</b>	Number	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	741	46%	<50% of FPIG	1,307	81%
Not Hispanic or Latino	735	46%	50% to 100%	212	13%
Balance – Not Specified	128	8%	101% to 150%	85	5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,604</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1,604</i>	<i>100%</i>

<b>Race</b>	Number	Percent
Asian	5	0.3%
Black or African American	650	41%
White	820	51%
Black or African American AND White	1	0.1%
Balance – Not Specified	128	8%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,604</i>	<i>100%</i>

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Client Zip Codes**

Over a third (34%) of clients were located outside of Travis County, as this program serves youth throughout the Central Texas region. Please note that clients outside of the county are supported through funding sources other than Travis County. For clients residing in the county, 20% were located in the East area and 17% were in the Southeast area. (See Appendix E for zip code classification map.)

<b>Central</b>	Number	Percent	<b>North</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Northeast</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Southwest</b>	Number	Percent
78701	2	0.1%	78727	8	0.5%	78621	3	0.2%	78704	62	3.9%
78705	2	0.1%	78728	11	0.7%	78653	19	1.2%	78735	1	0.1%
78751	5	0.3%	78729	2	0.1%	78660	55	3.4%	78736	5	0.3%
78756	3	0.2%	78757	13	0.8%	78664	16	1.0%	78737	1	0.1%
<i>Total Central</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	78758	48	3.0%	78752	23	1.4%	78745	46	2.9%
			78759	4	0.2%	78753	71	4.4%	78748	25	1.6%
<b>East</b>			<i>Total North</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	78754	20	1.2%	78749	13	0.8%
78702	95	5.9%				<i>Total Northeast</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>12.9%</i>	<i>Total Southwest</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>9.5%</i>
78721	67	4.2%	<b>Northwest</b>								
78722	4	0.2%	78641	2	0.1%	<b>Southeast</b>			<b>West</b>		
78723	73	4.6%	78669	1	0.1%	78617	23	1.4%	78733	2	0.1%
78724	64	4.0%	78730	2	0.1%	78719	1	0.1%	78738	1	0.1%
78725	13	0.8%	78732	1	0.1%	78741	96	6.0%	<i>Total West</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0.2%</i>
<i>Total East</i>	<i>316</i>	<i>19.7%</i>	78734	1	0.1%	78744	114	7.1%			
			78750	5	0.3%	78747	35	2.2%			
<b>Other</b>			<i>Total Northwest</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>Total Southeast</i>	<i>269</i>	<i>16.8%</i>			
Other	546	34.0%									
<i>Total Other</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>34.0%</i>									

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Performance Goals and Results**

The Mentoring program surpassed all output and outcome goals. Program staff members report that the number of clients served and the number of clients provided mentors or supportive relationships (see the first and second outputs) now incorporate clients throughout the Central Texas region. Please note that outcome measures report performance for only those clients residing in Travis County.

Staff members also note an overall focus on strengthening the quality and sustainability of their services. Particular focus was made on expanding the number of participants in the Sister to Sister girl empowerment initiative (see output 3) and in increasing outreach in the Educational Services program (see output 4).

**Mentoring Performance Measures, Actual Results, and Goals for 2008**

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	% of Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
<i>Outputs</i>			
Number of unduplicated clients served	1,604	1,442	111%
Number of clients provided mentors or supportive relationships	1,330	1,236	108%
Number of clients provided pregnancy prevention services	119	104	114%
Number of clients provided educational enrichment services such as tutoring and college preparation activities	176	104	169%
<i>Outcomes</i>			
Percentage of clients who remain or re-enroll in school or vocational training	99% (917/923)	92% (124/135)	108%
Percentage of clients who improve their academic performance	98% (908/923)	90% (121/135)	110%
Percentage of clients who improve their attitude/behavior	99% (917/923)	90% (121/135)	111%

## **Child, Inc.**

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### **Early Education and Care**

#### **Program Description**

Child, Inc. provides childcare services that include education, health, dental, nutrition, parent education and engagement, mental health, and disabilities services. Children's readiness for school increases through participation in these services.

#### **Funding**

The total TCHHS/VS investment in the Early Education and Care program for 2008 was \$208,780. This program represents only Travis County investment dollars at a specific unit of service cost. As a result, this investment comprised 100% of the total County-funded program budget.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

This program provides childcare for children five years old and younger of families who are 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level.

**Client Demographics**

Slightly more than half (51%) of children served were female, and all were ages 5 and under. The majority (69%) of children were Hispanic or Latino, and most (71%) were White. All clients had incomes at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level, with 98% having incomes below 50% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level. (See Appendix C for specific guideline income levels.)

<b>Gender</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Age</b>	Number	Percent
Female	61	51%	5 and Under	119	100%
Male	58	49%	<i>Total</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100%</i>			
<b>Ethnicity</b>			<b>Income</b>		
Hispanic or Latino	82	69%	<50% of FPIG	117	98%
Not Hispanic or Latino	37	31%	50% to 100%	2	2%
<i>Total</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Race</b>					
Black or African American	34	29%			
White	85	71%			
<i>Total</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100%</i>			

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Client Zip Codes**

The majority of clients were located in the eastern areas of Travis County. The Southeast area accounted for 34% of clients. Additionally, the Northeast (24%) and East (19%) areas had sizeable percentages of the client population. (See Appendix E for zip code classification map.)

<b>Central</b>	Number	Percent	<b>North</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Northeast</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Southwest</b>	Number	Percent
78756	2	1.7%	78727	1	0.8%	78621	1	0.8%	78704	1	0.8%
<i>Total Central</i>	2	1.7%	78758	7	5.9%	78653	1	0.8%	78745	12	10.1%
			<i>Total North</i>	8	6.7%	78660	2	1.7%	78748	1	0.8%
						78752	8	6.7%	<i>Total Southwest</i>	14	11.8%
<b>East</b>			<b>Northwest</b>			78753	13	10.9%			
78702	10	8.4%	78750	1	0.8%	78754	3	2.5%			
78721	5	4.2%	<i>Total Northwest</i>	1	0.8%	<i>Total Northeast</i>	28	23.5%			
78723	7	5.9%									
78724	1	0.8%									
<i>Total East</i>	23	19.3%				<b>Southeast</b>					
						78617	5	4.2%			
<b>Other/Unknown</b>						78741	7	5.9%			
Other	1	0.8%				78744	24	20.2%			
Unknown	2	1.7%				78747	4	3.4%			
<i>Total Other/Unknown</i>	3	2.5%				<i>Total Southeast</i>	40	33.6%			

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Performance Goals and Results**

Child, Inc. met all but one of its performance goals. The program fell short of its third output goal, which measures the percentage of early childcare programs meeting quality standards. Program staff members note that at least one of Child, Inc.’s contracted early childcare programs is in the process of obtaining accreditation. They also report that more two-parent families were served than anticipated, and as a result, the program was able to serve more parents (see the third output).

**Early Education and Care Performance Measures, Actual Results, and Goals for 2008**

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	% of Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
<i>Outputs</i>			
Number of unduplicated children provided childcare services	119	118	101%
Number of full-time childcare enrollment days	10,521	10,740	98%
Number of unduplicated parents served	156	125	125%
<i>Outcomes</i>			
Percentage of parents in school/work/training/employment as a result of subsidized childcare	99% (154/156)	90% (112/125)	110%
Percentage of parents who complete a survey and report satisfaction with childcare services	100% (156/156)	100% (125/125)	100%
Percentage of contracted early childcare programs that meet quality standards	75% (9/12)	100% (4/4)	75%

## **Greater Calvary Rights of Passage, Inc.**

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### **Servant Warrior Leader Rites of Passage**

#### **Program Description**

Greater Calvary Rights of Passage provides character development in structured training sessions that encourage youth to maintain a 3.0 grade point average. The youth receive conflict resolution skill training, participate in cultural education excursions, and are required to complete eight hours of community service each month.

#### **Funding**

The total TCHHS/VS investment in the Servant Warrior Leader Rites of Passage program for 2008 was \$31,482. This investment comprised 27.5% of the total program budget.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

This program primarily serves youth between the ages of 5 and 17 who reside in northeast Austin, in the Austin Independent School District (AISD) attendance zones within zip codes: 78723, 78724, 78752, and 78753. However, any interested youth may join the program.

**Client Demographics**

Over half (52%) of clients were female. All clients were 17 years old or younger, with 66% in the 6 to 12 age range and 23% ages 13 to 17. Hispanic or Latino clients comprised 2% of all clients, and most (96%) clients were Black or African-American. Income levels are not reported for clients in this program.

<b>Gender</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Age</b>	Number	Percent
Female	29	52%	5 and Under	6	11%
Male	27	48%	6 to 12	37	66%
<i>Total</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>100%</i>	13 to 17	13	23%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Ethnicity</b>					
Hispanic or Latino	1	2%			
Not Hispanic or Latino	55	98%			
<i>Total</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>100%</i>			
<b>Race</b>					
Black or African American	54	96%			
Balance – Not Specified	2	4%			
<i>Total</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>100%</i>			

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Client Zip Codes**

Clients in this program were located in the Northeast (59%) and East (41%) areas of Travis County. (See Appendix E for zip code classification map.)

<b>East</b>			<b>Northeast</b>			
				Number	Percent	
	78702	3	5.4%	78653	7	12.5%
	78723	19	33.9%	78660	6	10.7%
	78724	1	1.8%	78752	2	3.6%
	<i>Total East</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>41.1%</i>	78753	11	19.6%
				78754	7	12.5%
				<i>Total Northeast</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>58.9%</i>

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Performance Goals and Results**

This program had mixed performance results in 2008. Fewer youth successfully completed the conflict resolution training than originally targeted (see the fourth output). Staff members explain that youth experienced a greater number of issues at home, many due to the current economic crisis (e.g., parents losing their jobs or homes), that prevented them from remaining in the program for the full 12 months. The program was able to exceed its goal of clients served (see the first output); they note an influx of clients due to services provided at Reagan High School and the Greater Calvary Academy.

**Servant Warrior Leader Rites of Passage Performance Measures, Actual Results, and Goals for 2008**

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	% of Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
<i>Outputs</i>			
Number of unduplicated clients served	56	44	127%
Number of youth provided structured education or training	56	44	127%
Number of youth participating in Character and Culture Education Excursions	24	27	89%
Number of youth successfully completing conflict resolution skill training	17	44	39%
<i>Outcomes</i>			
Percentage of youth served who remained in school	100% (56/56)	100% (44/44)	100%
Percentage of youth served who remained alcohol and drug free	100% (56/56)	100% (44/44)	100%
Percentage of youth served who completed the 12 month Character Traits Curriculum and scored 80% or better on post test	40% (10/25)	50% (11/22)	80%

## **River City Youth Foundation**

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### **Dove Springs Youth Services**

#### **Program Description**

River City Youth Foundation provides a neighborhood-based, safe learning center with specialized after-school and year-round group services. The program provides counseling, leadership training, diversity training, tutoring, opportunities for involvement in local beautification projects, and case management. The program also promotes parent involvement and development through holistic activities at the Success Center, schools, and in collaborating facilities.

#### **Funding**

The total TCHHS/VS investment in the Dove Springs Youth Services program for 2008 was \$45,083. This investment comprised 33.3% of the total program budget.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

This program serves youth ages 6 to 18 that reside in the zip code 78744; are low-income; and are at risk of juvenile crime, school failure, dropping out, fighting, and confront issues related to living in a high-risk neighborhood and intergenerational poverty.

**Client Demographics**

A majority (55%) of clients were female, and all clients were between the ages of 6 and 17. Two-thirds of clients were ages 6 to 12 years old. Most (93%) clients were Hispanic or Latino, and 94% of clients were White. All clients had incomes below 50% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level. (See Appendix C for specific guideline income levels.)

<b>Gender</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Age</b>	Number	Percent
Female	69	55%	6 to 12	82	66%
Male	56	45%	13 to 17	43	34%
<i>Total</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>100%</i>

<b>Ethnicity</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Income</b>	Number	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	116	93%	<50% of FPIG	125	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	9	7%	<i>Total</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>100%</i>			

<b>Race</b>	Number	Percent
Black or African American	8	6%
White	117	94%
<i>Total</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>100%</i>

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Client Zip Codes**

All clients resided in the 78744 zip code, which is located in the Southeast area of Travis County. (See Appendix E for zip code classification map.)

**Performance Goals and Results**

River City Youth Foundation exceeded all performance goals. Program staff note that demand for their neighborhood-based services has remained high, particularly given the economic downturn and subsequent increase of people in need. Most notably, the program far surpassed expectations for the number of clients that were provided with case management services (see the third output). Staff members cite increased case management needs as families experienced a range of issues from basic needs to counseling and as families required assistance in coping with housing, food, and job losses. Because of year-round collaboration with area schools, the program was also able to provide double the number of educational presentations and outreach to parents than originally projected (see the fourth output).

For outcome measures, staff members attribute their success to providing support to clients enrolled in participating schools (see the first outcome) and a combination of collaborated services in the schools, counseling, and parental outreach that are helping youth to reduce their risky behaviors and improve their attitude (see the second outcome).

**Dove Springs Youth Services Performance Measures, Actual Results, and Goals for 2008**

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	% of Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
<i>Outputs</i>			
Number of unduplicated clients served	125	111	113%
Number of clients provided structured education or training	116	111	105%
Number of clients provided case management services	81	25	324%
Number of clients provided parental and community outreach	184	90	204%
<i>Outcomes</i>			
Percentage of clients who maintained or improved their academic performance	100% (116/116)	70% (78/111)	142%
Percentage of clients who maintained or improved their attitude/behavior	100% (116/116)	80% (89/111)	125%

## **Youth and Family Alliance (d.b.a. LifeWorks)**

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### **Youth Development**

#### **Program Description**

The Youth Development program has three components. The G.E.D. and Literacy program prepares youth for successful adulthood and independence through the pursuit of education. The main objectives are to increase student academic levels, prepare students for the G.E.D. exam, and assist students in seeking employment and/or gaining job skills. The Teen Parent Service encourages expectant and parenting teens to stay in school, attempts to prevent subsequent pregnancies, and teaches positive parenting skills. Finally, the Pregnancy Prevention program provides support groups, mentoring, volunteer opportunities, family events, and information regarding sexual health.

#### **Funding**

The total TCHHS/VS investment in the Youth Development program for 2008 was \$72,561. This investment comprised 8.1% of the total program budget. TCHHS/VS also funds two additional programs at LifeWorks—the Housing and Homeless Services program, which is described in the Housing Continuum issue area section, and the Counseling program, which is described in the Behavioral Health issue area section.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

G.E.D. and Literacy participants are between the ages of 16 and 26 that have dropped out of school or are parenting. Teen Parent Services assists pregnant and parenting youth, male and female, between the ages of 11 and 19. Clients in these two programs must also have an annual household income that does not exceed 200% of Federal Poverty Income Guideline level. Pregnancy Prevention serves youth between the ages of 9 and 14. Youth have generally been identified (1) by a school counselor or family member as having behavior or academic problems or (2) as having family conflicts, gang involvement, or at-risk of teen pregnancy. Interested youth may also initiate their participation in the program. Participants in all three programs must reside in Travis County.

**Client Demographics**

The majority (69%) of clients were female. Half of the clients were ages 13 to 17 and over a quarter (28%) were in the 18 to 24 age range. Over two-thirds (68%) of clients were Hispanic or Latino. Almost three-quarters (72%) of clients were White and 22% were Black or African-American. Over half (58%) of clients had incomes at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline level. (See Appendix C for specific guideline income levels.)

<b>Gender</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Age</b>	Number	Percent
Female	487	69%	6 to 12	90	13%
Male	223	31%	13 to 17	357	50%
<i>Total</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>100%</i>	18 to 24	198	28%
			25 to 36	64	9%
			Balance – Not Specified	1	0.1%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Ethnicity</b>			<b>Income</b>		
Hispanic or Latino	481	68%	<50% of FPIG	187	26%
Not Hispanic or Latino	223	31%	50% to 100%	225	32%
Balance – Not Specified	6	1%	101% to 150%	53	7%
<i>Total</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>100%</i>	151% to 200%	22	3%
			>200%	15	2%
			Balance – Not Specified	208	29%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Race</b>					
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0.3%			
Black or African American	156	22%			
White	510	72%			
American Indian or Alaska Native AND White	1	0.1%			
Black or African American AND White	5	1%			
Balance – Multiple Races	36	5%			
<i>Total</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>100%</i>			

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Client Zip Codes**

Most clients were located in the south and east areas of Travis County. Over a quarter (26%) of clients resided in the Southwest area, and 23% were located in the East area. Another 22% of clients were in the Southeast area. (See Appendix E for zip code classification map.)

<b>Central</b>	Number	Percent	<b>North</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Northeast</b>	Number	Percent	<b>Southwest</b>	Number	Percent
78705	1	0.1%	78727	1	0.1%	78621	10	1.4%	78652	3	0.4%
78751	5	0.7%	78729	3	0.4%	78653	44	6.2%	78704	54	7.6%
<i>Total Central</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	78757	8	1.1%	78660	3	0.4%	78735	3	0.4%
			78758	65	9.2%	78664	2	0.3%	78736	2	0.3%
			78759	1	0.1%	78752	28	3.9%	78737	1	0.1%
			<i>Total North</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>11.0%</i>	78753	25	3.5%	78745	85	12.0%
						78754	4	0.6%	78748	32	4.5%
						<i>Total Northeast</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>16.3%</i>	78749	4	0.6%
									<i>Total Southwest</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
<b>East</b>			<b>Northwest</b>			<b>Southeast</b>					
78702	16	2.3%	78726	2	0.3%	78610	2	0.3%			
78721	29	4.1%	78732	1	0.1%	78617	27	3.8%			
78723	21	3.0%	78734	2	0.3%	78741	45	6.3%			
78724	87	12.3%	<i>Total Northwest</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	78742	1	0.1%			
78725	8	1.1%				78744	71	10.0%			
<i>Total East</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>22.7%</i>				78747	7	1.0%			
						<i>Total Southeast</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>21.5%</i>			
<b>Other/Unknown</b>											
Other	2	0.3%									
Unknown	5	0.7%									
<i>Total Other/Unknown</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1.0%</i>									

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

**Performance Goals and Results**

The Youth Development program surpassed all of its goals for output and outcome performance measures. Staff members noted that all programs served more clients than expected. The Pregnancy Prevention program, in particular, lost funding and anticipated serving fewer clients in 2008. The program was able to secure other funding, however, which allowed it to increase the number of staff members in January 2008 and enabled the program to serve additional clients (see the third output).

**Youth Development Performance Measures, Actual Results, and Goals for 2008**

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	% of Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
<i>Outputs</i>			
Number of unduplicated clients provided G.E.D. and Literacy Track services	248	200	124%
Number of unduplicated clients provided Teen Parent Services, which includes case management, support group, and informational presentations	285	280	102%
Number of unduplicated clients provided Pregnancy Prevention services	177	48	369%
<i>Outcomes</i>			
Percentage of unduplicated students demonstrating an increase of at least one grade level in math, reading, and/or writing	79% (152/192)	70% (74/105)	112%
Percentage of unduplicated Teen Parent Services case management clients not experiencing a subsequent pregnancy while in services	93% (127/136)	90% (108/120)	104%
Percentage of unduplicated youth demonstrating increased knowledge about sexual health	89% (117/132)	86% (36/42)	103%