
3-year Impact Report to Investors
ToolBox 2014 - 2016 Funding Partners

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Overview
The ToolBox Grant program at the North Texas Community Foundation provides nonprofits with the resources they need to implement vital programs and improve their strength and stability. Grant focus areas are designated on a three-year cycle and address areas of need for the North Texas community.

The focus of the 2014-2016 cycle was on the early learning sector. These grants allowed organizations to provide high-quality early learning opportunities to the children of Tarrant County. Through this investment, the North Texas Community Foundation aimed to improve outcomes for children and produce lasting benefits for our community.

Over the 3-year period, donor advisor investments increased by more than 160% and grew to represent more than a third of the funds deployed.
COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS
IN EARLY LEARNING LEVERAGE IMPACT

- Community Foundation Staff Research: Early Learning
- National League of Cities provides training and technical assistance to Early Learning Alliance ($75k)
  
- ToolBox 2014-2016: Giving Our Children the Tools To Succeed
  - Early Learning Alliance (ELA) launched to align strategies and programs serving Tarrant County children
  - Early Learning Summit with Nobel Laureate James Heckman
  
  $303k awarded to 24 Non-Profits

- ToolBox Year 2: Giving Our Children the Tools To Succeed
  - Donor Advisor participation in ToolBox increases by 90%
  - Mayor Betsy Price, ELA Chair and Foundation travel to Washington D.C. to discuss Early Learning
  - Fort Worth City Council adopts Early Learning as Top 5 legislative priority
  - FWISD awarded federal Home Visiting Grant ($5.2M), providing FT staff for ELA
  - Community Foundation Annual Luncheon attendees award Think Beyond grant to ELA ($10k)
  - "Raising of Fort Worth" - Quarterly public forum launched
  
  $401k awarded to 32 Non-Profits

- ToolBox Year 3: Giving Our Children the Tools To Succeed
  - Donor Advisor participation increases by 43%
  - ELA grows to 58 member organizations
  - Growing Up North Texas Tarrant County community indicators report
  - Race & Equity in Fort Worth Report examines racial disparities in family well-being
  - Child Care Professional State Registry pilot launched in Fort Worth
  - Texas awards ELA 2yrs of technical assistance to implement Results Based Accountability
  - City launches community-wide literacy initiative: Fort Worth Literacy Project ($814K)
  - MHMR secures federal Project LAUNCH Grant to address social/emotional health ($305k over 3.5 years); ELA partners will support implementation
  - MHMR secures federal HOPES III Grant to prevent child abuse ($5.6M over 5 years); ELA partners will support implementation
  - Community Foundation awarded Alliance for Early Success fellowship (Gates/Buffet Foundations)
  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation designates Fort Worth a "Bright Spot" for early learning
  - Foster Care Redesign (pending)
  - City of Fort Worth establishes first time "Education" budget ($900K)

2017: Community Foundation Staff Research for ToolBox Cycle #3
Resources
Throughout the 3-year cycle, multiple resources were made available by the Community Foundation, opening doors to cross-sector collaboration.

Early Learning Summit
In 2013, Fort Worth’s early learning practitioners began working in conjunction with the National League of Cities to align early childhood programs and elementary education to prepare children for educational success by the time they reach the third grade. In 2014, Fort Worth hosted practitioners from across Texas, along with economist and Nobel Laureate James Heckman, for a state-wide summit meeting to make state legislative and executive leaders aware of ways in which they can be supportive of their goals. The City unveiled its five-year strategic plan for the early learning sector.

A Plan for the Next 1000 Days
In 2014, the Early Learning Alliance developed a plan to align human (family and neighborhood engagement), technological (assessment and data sharing), and instrumental (professional development) resources to improve child well-being in Tarrant County.

Framework for Early Childhood Success
In order for all children and families in Fort Worth and Tarrant County to thrive, sound building blocks must be in place. The North Texas Community Foundation developed this Framework for Success to help inform execution, funding and capacity-building strategies. The Framework for Success has three key elements – target populations, core components and accelerators.

Growing Up in North Texas:
A Community Assessment for Tarrant County
We developed Growing Up in North Texas -- together with Child Care Associates and Children at Risk -- to help civic, nonprofit and philanthropic leaders develop programs and policies that improve outcomes for local children at risk for poverty, neglect and abuse. By providing ready access to information and insights from local experts, we aim to foster informed public discourse, track progress on shared civic goals and report on change in 4 key areas: education, health, safety, and economic well-being.

State of Texas Children 2016: Race and Equity in Fort Worth
The State of Texas Children report is part of the Kids Count project, a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S. The report, sponsored by the North Texas Community Foundation, reveals how policies have created and maintained unequal opportunities and large disparities in child poverty across race, ethnicity and gender.
TOOLBOX GRANTEES 2014-2016, Total Funding: $1,029,650

Note: Several organizations received support in multiple Toolbox categories

Cross-Sector Projects
AB Christian Learning Center
CHILDREN AT RISK
CNM Connect
First3Years
Leadership Fort Worth
Lena Pope
The Parenting Center
Texas Education Grantmakers Advocacy Consortium
University of North Texas Health Science Center

Family Leadership and Supports
AB Christian Learning Center
Alliance for Children
Arlington Life Shelter
CASA of Tarrant County
Child Study Center
Fortress Youth Development Center
Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
Fort Worth Opera
Fort Worth Public Library Foundation
Girls, Inc. of Tarrant County
Imagination Fort Worth
Kids Hope USA
Lena Pope
Literacy United
Love Never Fails
Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex
Partners for Refugee Empowerment
Presbyterian Night Shelter
Recovery Resource Council
The Parenting Center
University of North Texas Health Science Center

Health and Wellness
Cook Children’s Health Foundation Fort Worth
Drowning Prevention Coalition
Mothers’ Milk Bank of North Texas
North Texas Area Community Health Centers

Public Awareness and Policy
First3Years
Texans Care for Children

Data and Evaluation
Alliance for Children
Arlington Life Shelter
Botanical Research Institute of Texas
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth
Center for Transforming Lives
Childcare Associates
CNM Connect
Educational First Steps
Fort Worth Opera
Girls Inc. of Tarrant County
Lena Pope
NewDay Services for Children and Families
The Parenting Center

Early Learning Programs
Boys and Girls Clubs of Arlington
Camp Fire First Texas
CASA of Tarrant County
Center for Transforming Lives
Child Study Center
Clayton YES!
Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County
East Fort Worth Montessori Academy
Educational First Steps
First3Years
Fortress Youth Development Center
Fort Worth Library
Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
Fort Worth SPARC
Girls Inc. of Tarrant County
Kids Hope USA
Lena Pope
Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth
Literacy United
Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex
Mission Central Metroplex
Performing Arts Fort Worth
Presbyterian Night Shelter
SafeHaven of Tarrant County
The Learning Center
United Community Centers
Uplift Education
YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth
This map displays the location of 2016 ToolBox grantee interventions and highlights their focus categories. The base of the map is made up of census tracts in Tarrant County that are rendered (orange, tan, or blue) to show the rate of poverty within the area. Note the lack of programs and funding support in neighborhoods such as Western Hills and parts of Arlington.
The Work Continues

The ELA is a community collaboration of more than 50 organizations focused on early learning from ages 0-8. Together, they seek to improve outcomes for all Tarrant County children by aligning the goals of early child care providers and K-12 systems.

The ELA has three priority areas:

**Assessment and Data Sharing:** Provide parents, early educators, teachers and service providers with access to common information that will improve how each supports the learning and development of the children in their care.

**Quality Improvement through Professional Development:** Develop a continuum of educational opportunities – from one-time workshops to graduate degrees in higher education – for professionals working with children from birth through age 8 so that more children have access to high quality early learning.

**Family Engagement:** Ensure that parents are empowered to be their child’s first teachers and most important advocate. Offer training and technical assistance for agencies and schools serving families so that providers can move from traditional to transformational family engagement.

The network is hosted by Fort Worth ISD, was started with technical assistance from the National League of Cities, and is supported by the North Texas Community Foundation, among others.

For more information, please visit: earlylearningntx.org

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**Fort Worth literacy partnership**

A coalition of business, civic, education, philanthropic, nonprofit and volunteer leaders committed to ensuring that 100 percent of Fort Worth third-graders are reading on grade level – by 2025.

The Fort Worth literacy partnership will serve as a backbone organization that connects and supports existing initiatives, programs and providers through data, communications, and facilitation to dramatically improve early childhood results. The partnership will begin with a tight focus on the Fort Worth school district and its 34,000 students in pre-K through third grade while laying a foundation for an effort that can grow to serve and partner with organizations across the region.

The Fort Worth literacy partnership has extraordinary leadership in Mayor Betsy Price, Fort Worth school district Superintendent Kent Scribner and Matt Rose, executive chairman of BNSF Railway, who will lead the partnership’s executive council.

For more information, please visit: readfortworth.org

For more information, contact the North Texas Community Foundation: 817-877-0702.