

How to Use this Report

Journalists, policymakers, and advocates can put the “30 Ways” report to good use.



Find out costs associated with policy changes for children.

- What’s the **return on investment**? What’s the **cost if we don’t act now**? Each report section has a “Costs” box with answers to these questions.



Get data on conditions for children and implications for Texas’ future.

- See clear comparisons of outcomes for kids in **Texas vs. other states**.
- Find facts and figures about **economic and health projections** for Texas and how to improve the state’s outlook.



See how Texas’ budget and proposed legislative actions affect children.

- Learn the implications for kids in dozens of bills filed, including ones to:
 - Accept **Medicaid expansion**, a path to insuring 400,000 more kids;
 - **Tax soda** to improve public health and fund obesity-fighting efforts;
 - Address **mental health in schools** and other state systems;
 - Rate **early education**’s quality in child care and pre-K settings;
 - Build on earlier **juvenile justice** reforms in our state;
 - Address high rates of **student expulsions, suspensions, and ticketing**;
 - Prevent misguided treatment of **foster children** in the state’s care;
 - Connect **rural communities** with produce and other healthy foods.



Retrieve research on what works, including what works best for Texas.

- Access findings from dozens of **rigorous studies** about what’s most effective in children’s policy, with links to the sources.
- Review **recommendations** that hundreds of Texans statewide came to consensus on in discussions about how to address concerns for kids.