



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: June 24, 2014

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Sherri E. Fleming,
County Executive for Health and Human Services and Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider And Take Appropriate Action Regarding A Request From The Joint Subcommittee For A Joint Resolution In Support Of And Funding For The Family Resource Centers.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The Joint Subcommittee (JSC) consists of representatives from Travis County, the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District.

On June 20, 2014, the JSC approved a resolution in support of the AISD Family Resource Centers. Four, Family Resource Centers (FRC) will be without funding for the school year 2014/2015 due to a lost in grant resources. FRCs provides wraparound services for students and families on AISD campuses.

Through this resolution each representative commits to requesting support from its elected body to assist with this need. Each entity is asked to consider a \$100,000 contribution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of this request.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Without support from these entities, at least four of the Family Resource Centers will be forced to reduce or close services for this coming school year.

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FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is currently one time funding in reserves within the FY 2014 budget for social services investment. If approved funds will be transferred from the appropriate receive to HHS budget cost center 1580540001 GL 511440.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney'
Leroy Nellis, Acting County Executive, Planning and Budget Office
Cyd Grimes, CPM, Travis County Purchasing Agent
Nicki Riley, CAP, CMA, Travis County Auditor
Patty Lennon, Financial Analyst, Travis County Auditor's Office
Aerin Pfaffenberger, Analyst, Planning and Budget Office
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHSVS

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**JOINT RESOLUTION
of the
TRAVIS COUNTY,
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
and
CITY OF AUSTIN
regarding
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS**

WHEREAS, eight school-based Family Resource Centers have been established through a partnership between Austin Voices for Education and Youth, The Austin Project and the Austin Independent School District to provide wraparound support services for at-risk families on AISD campuses; and

WHEREAS, Austin's school-based Family Resource Centers incorporate evidence-based strategies that are part of the national Community Schools model that seek to foster streamlined, easily accessed resources and services that bridge communities to their neighborhood schools and vice versa; and

WHEREAS, the Family Resource Centers, through case management of 500 families and services for over 4,000 families each year have increased family stability at AISD's highest needs campuses; and

WHEREAS, the Family Resource Centers provide services that align and are complementary to health and human services offered by the City and County and other local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have proven effective in reducing student mobility, increasing attendance, school climate and improving academic outcomes on high needs campuses, often revitalizing schools threatened with closure or being monitored by the Texas Education Agency; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have increased the number of community partners supporting campuses and have improved coordination of student and family support services; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have increased parent involvement through Adult Academy classes and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there exists critical short-term funding needs to continue the work of the Family Resource Center in 2014-15, as well as long-term funding needed to sustain and expand the work of all Family Resource Centers in AISD; and

FINALLY WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have provided services beyond the schools to the greater community, including disaster relief support and coordination, resource fairs and other community strategies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THE AISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:

The three governing bodies are supportive of the efforts of the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, the Travis County Commissioners Court and the staff of the three entities to provide financial and other assistance as the law permits to the Family Resource Centers within the jurisdictions of the City of Austin, the Austin Independent School District and Travis County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Joint Subcommittees is directed to work with staff from each entity and key stakeholders to explore, identify, and secure from all available sources the funding that is needed to continue the operations of the eight Family Resource Centers referenced above.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

Vincent M. Torres
President
Austin ISD Board of Trustees

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Hopkins
Secretary to the Board

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

Lee F. Leffingwell
Mayor
City of Austin

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

Samuel T. Biscoe
Judge
Travis County

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES' SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Friday, May 16, 2014

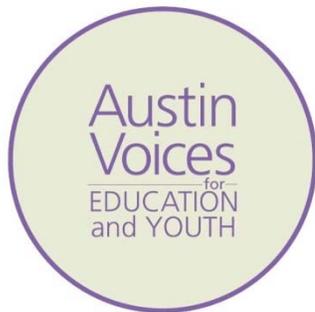
City of Austin

Boards and Commissions Room

II. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS (FRCs)

**Presenters: Dr. Paul Cruz, AISD; Allen Weeks,
Austin Voices; Donna Hagey, Austin Project**

Family Resource Centers



Background

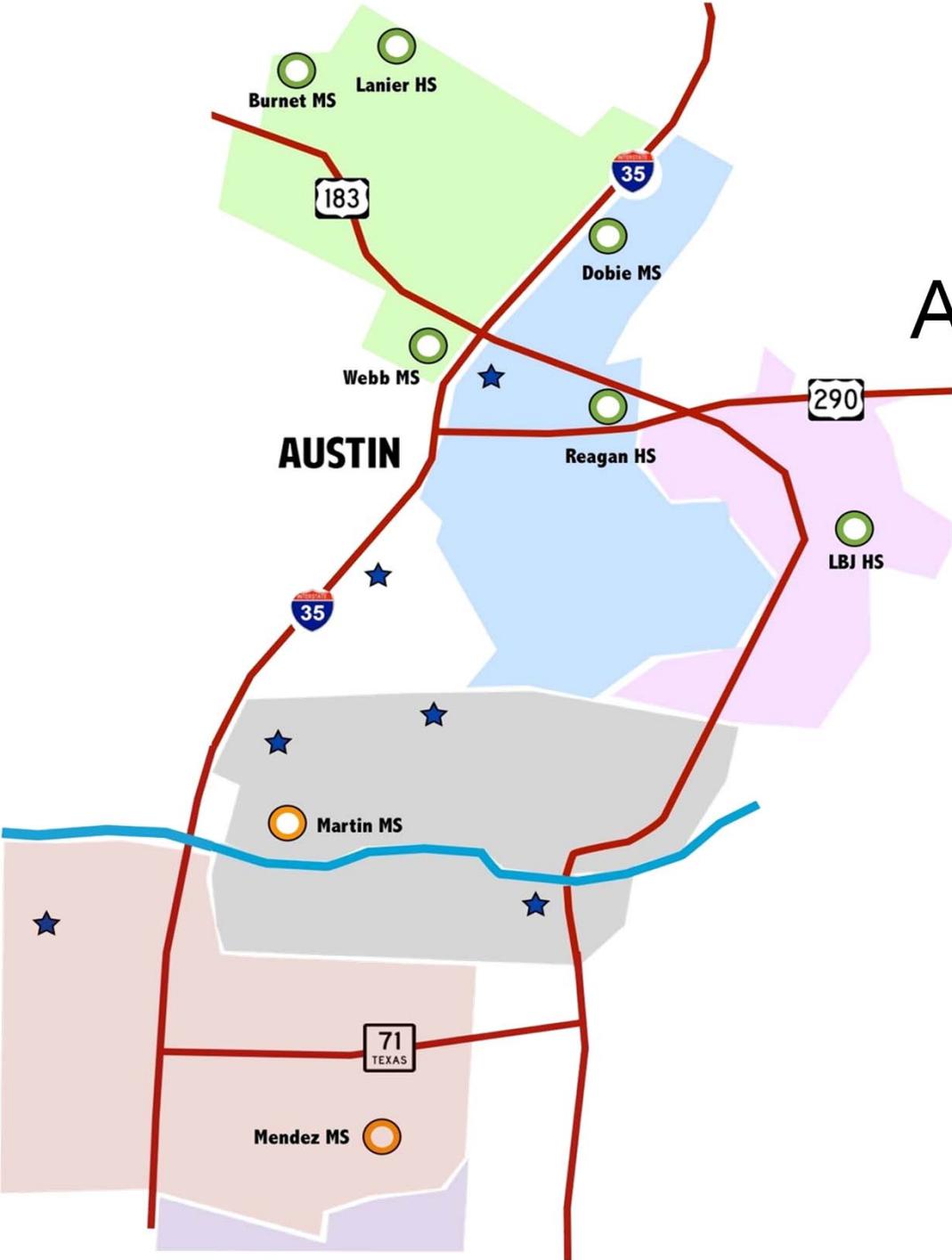


HHS Social Worker Jesse Hernandez at Webb, 2008



Webb MS FRC Team-2009

AISD FRC Locations



 AVEY FRCs

 TAP FRCs

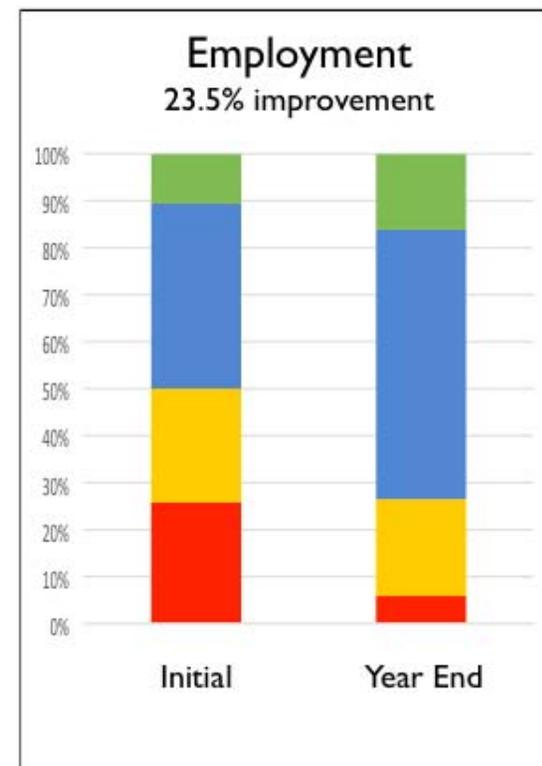
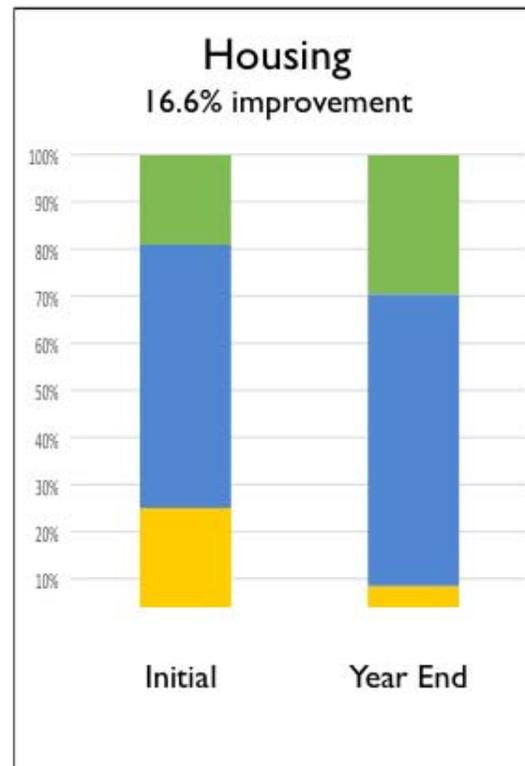
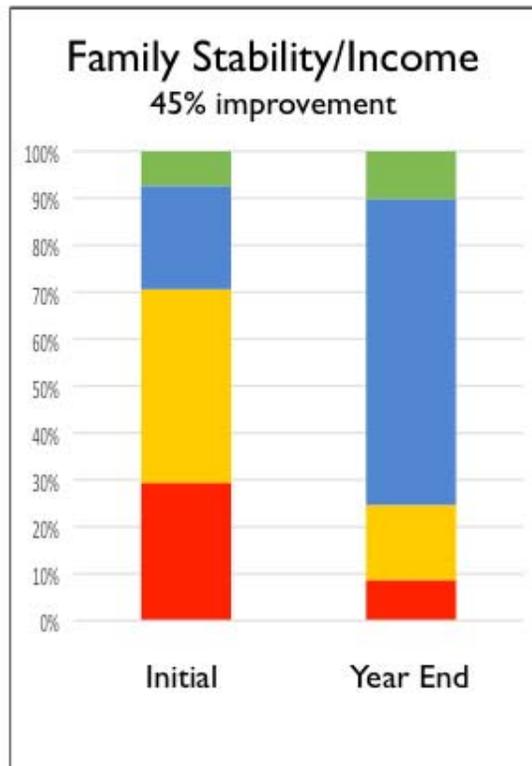
 HHS Neighborhood Centers

FRC Services & Clients



Services in 2012-13	
1,921 Families Served	78% of Adults Lack Diploma or GED
7,295 People Served	Median Family Income is \$8,400
4,631 Students Served	Average Rent/Mortgage is \$593/Month
400+ Families Case-Mangaged	Average Utilities are \$168/Month

Family Matrix Outcomes



What Are the Results?

Reduced Student Mobility Rate

(35% to 25% at Webb since 2007)

Increased Graduation Rate and Enrollment

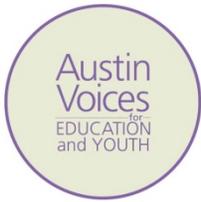
(48% to 82%; doubled enrollment at Reagan)

Increased Attendance Rate

(90-95% at Mendez)

Improved Academics

(Most schools from Unacceptable to Acceptable)



Austin Voices Family Resource Centers

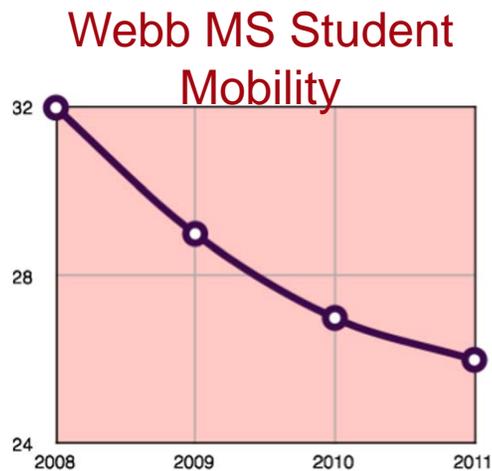


- Began at Webb MS in 2007
- 5 locations
- New FRC at Lanier HS
- Serve feeder elementary schools around FRCs
- Safety Net in North and Northeast Austin
- Work closely with St. John Neighborhood Center

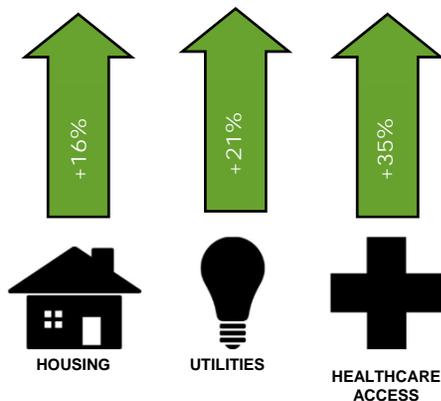


AVEY FRC Services and Programs

Goal: All students in school every day, ready to learn!



Family Stability*



- Campus-based wraparound services for families: 300 families case-managed, 1,500 families given responsive services
- Adult Academies at each campus
- Service coordination through Child Study Teams (CST)
- Community partnership teams (4 CSAs)
- Campus & community resource events, serving 8,000 attendees
- Data coordination between FRCs (ETO)
- Results: increased family stability and involvement + decreased student mobility = increased academic achievement



AVEY FRC Support Partners

AISD Funding
Parent Support Specialist and Facility
AVEY Support
AVEY Consulting (data and training support)



Lanier HS
FRC

Grant Funding Through AISD
100% of Cost (2 years)



Burnet MS
FRC

AISD Funding
1/3 of FRC Cost (\$37,500 x 2)
AVEY Fundraising
2/3 of FRC Cost (\$62,500 x 2)



Webb and Dobie MS
FRCs

Campus-Based Funding
FRC Director (AP) Social Worker
AISD Funding
AVEY Consulting & AVEY administrator

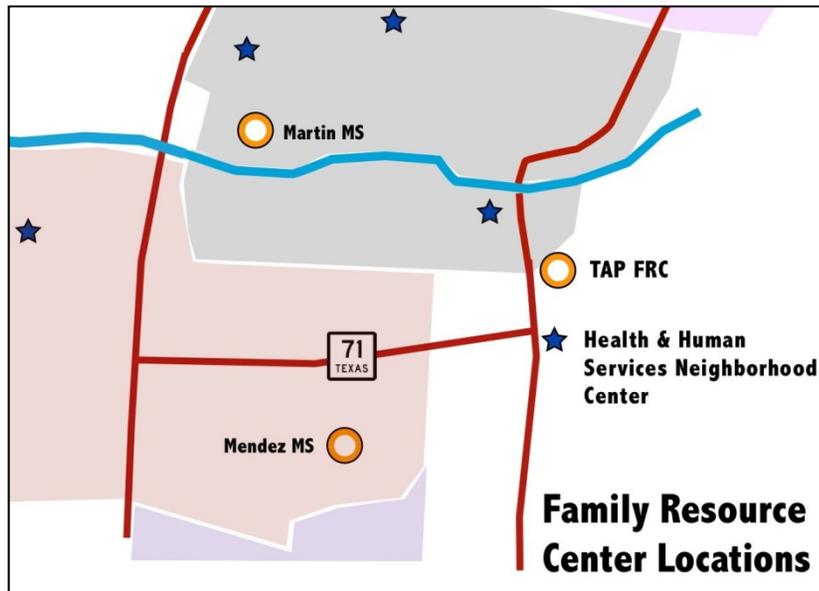


LBJ and Reagan HS
FRCs

Basic Cost of AVEY FRC: \$100K Per Year



Family Resource Centers



- 1998-2002 Launched Austin's first FRCs in at Ortega, Andrews/Reagan
- 2007- helped launch Webb FRC, fiscal agent, concept, design, fund development support for Webb FRC.
- 2009-11 TAP contracts with AISD to continue development of Webb FRC and to launch FRCs at Dobie, Mendez, Martin and later Pearce Middle Schools.
- 2011 AISD Contract splits the management of the FRCs between TAP/AVEY geographically.
- TAP's current focus is on Martin and Mendez FRCs with strategic initiatives within those vertical teams of schools

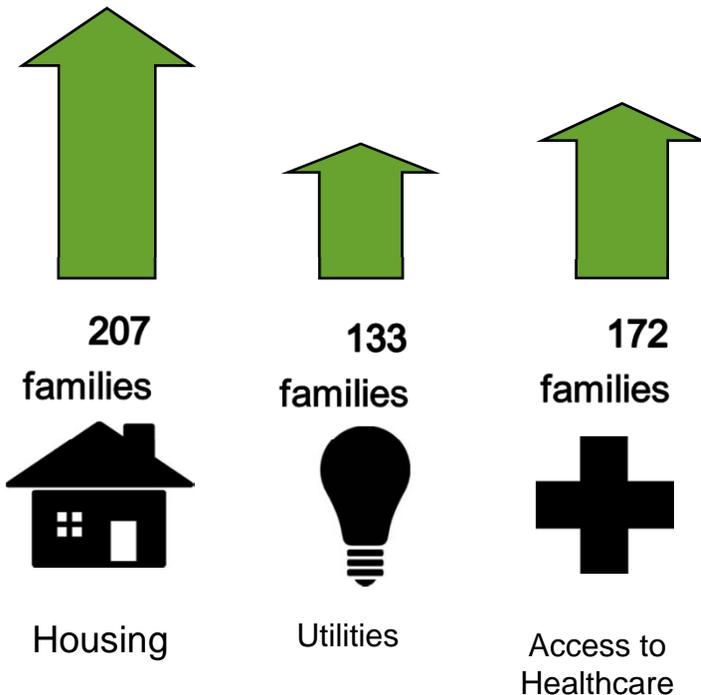


Key FRC Initiatives/Services:



2013-14 Disaster Relief:

- ★ Halloween Flood
- ★ Apartment Collapse
- ★ Apartment Fire



- Family Stability: wraparound/case management services for **127 families case-managed ; 901 responsive services**
- Support Services Coordination (school staff, providers, community members, Child/Study Teams).
- 3500+ families attended TAP outreach events
- Community/School Alliances* **847 attended monthly meetings**
- Parent/Youth Support for Transition from Childhood to Adolescence/SEL
- Coordinated School Health & Wellness for Obesity reduction; GAVA Leadership
- Parent/Adult Academies-**2,654 attended**
- Evidence-based case management used by all FRCs and FRC systems
- Esquina de Salud—mobile FRC
- Disaster Relief Support & Case Management Coordination with City/Cty, AISD



Basic Annual Cost of TAP FRC: \$100K

AISD Funding:
\$37,500 = 1/3 FRC Cost
TAP Fundraising:
2/3 of FRC Cost (\$62,500)



Martin MS FRC



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Mendez MS
FRC

TAP Key Funding Partners:

United Way: *Coordination of External & Internal Support Services*
Michael & Susan Dell Foundation: *GAVA Obesity Initiative*
A Glimmer of Hope Foundation: *Parent/Youth Transition Programs*