

# Tarrant County Update

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Tarrant County  
Commissioners Court





Investing in the future of children,  
families,

# Child Care

associates





**We can't ignore the need...**

69% of Tarrant families who need  
child care support in order to work

**And we can't ignore the  
return on investment**

Police chiefs gave "high quality  
early learning" the **highest  
effectiveness rating** as a crime  
prevention tool.



## Educational Impact

Children who have experienced quality early education are more successful in school.

- Ready for success in school
- Improved high school graduation rates
- Lower enrollment in special education





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**Whole Child, Whole Family Investment in Most-at-Risk Children and Families**

# Tarrant Investments



## Strengthen Child Care Businesses

- Providing experienced business advisors
- Building a director's business acumen

## Increase Access to Quality Care for Families

- Covering the costs of quality while not raising prices for family
- Increasing child care educator wages

## Build up Early Learning Infrastructure

- Increasing services for infants & toddlers
- Partnering with CCA for new buildings and renovations
- Targeting highest need families



## Investment

: Expanding  
Early Head  
Start





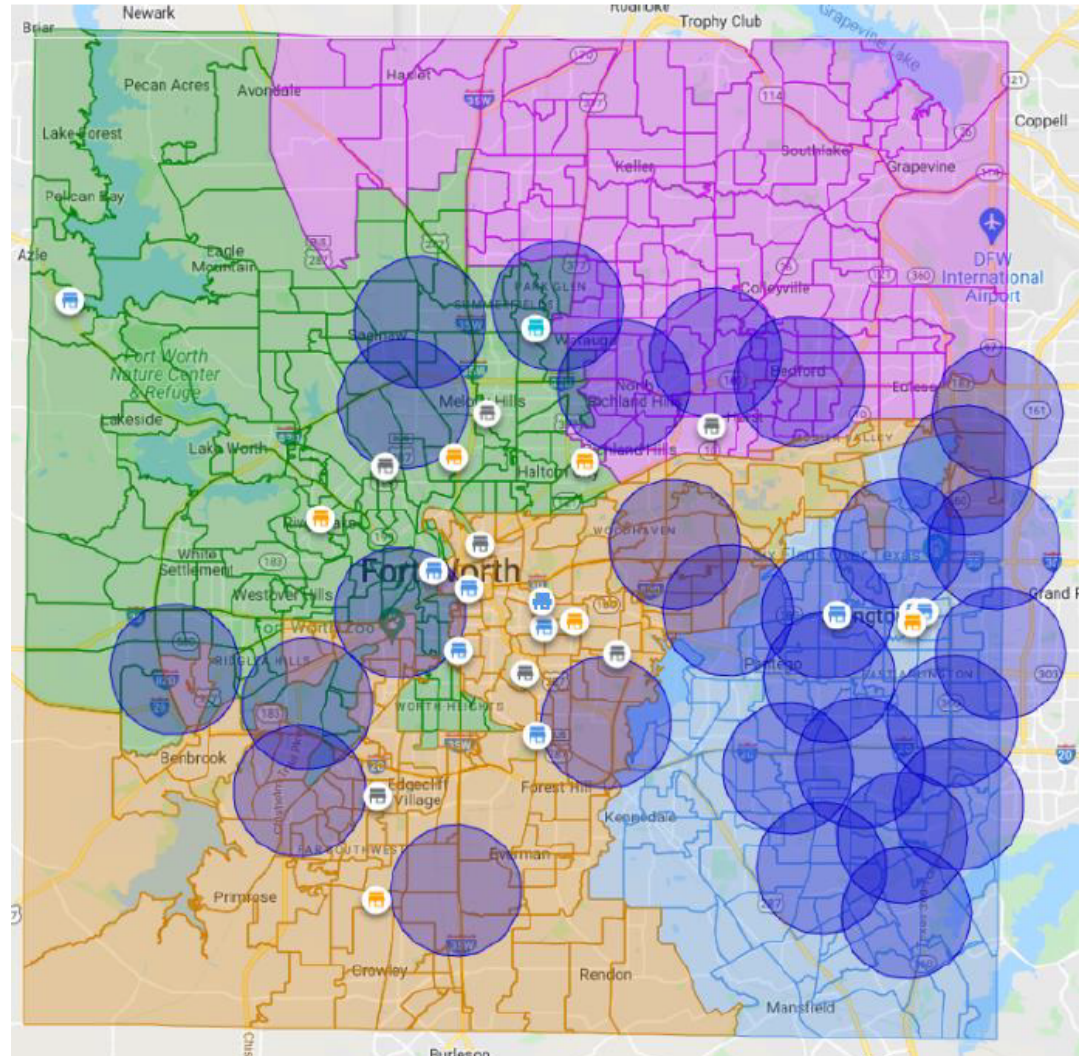


**When disadvantaged children  
receive Early Head Start...**

Communities receive **13%** annual  
**return on investment**

Children are **93%** less likely  
to

**Need for  
Early Head  
Start in  
Tarrant  
County  
is acute**



## Investment

: One-time  
infrastructure  
investments  
to increase  
access to  
CCA's Early  
Head Start



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