# Making Money Matter

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# Moderator



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### VISION

We envision a nation where all children and youth thrive because all communities maintain equitable, coordinated, and sustainable funding for comprehensive programs and services.



# **MISSION**

Children's Funding Project helps communities and states expand equitable opportunities for children and youth through strategic public financing.







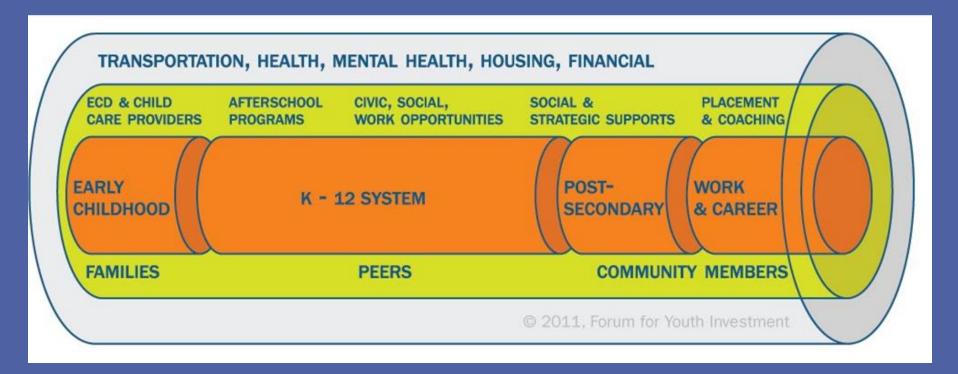
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children and youth...



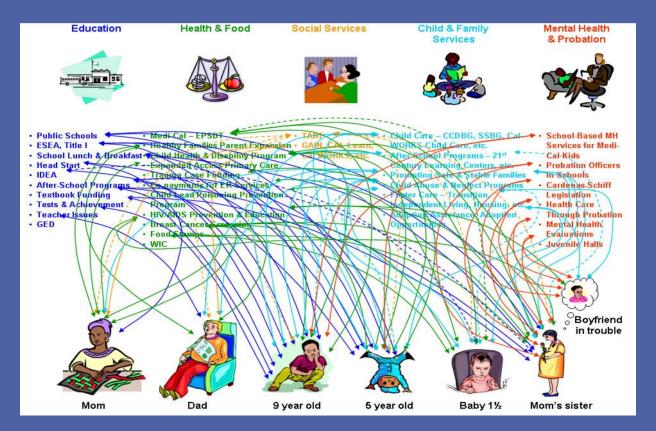


# How do we support them from cradle to career?





# We need to change the way we do business.





# What exactly do we need to pay for?

**Service and Program Category** 

**Enrichment services** 

Family and community services

**Education services** 

Physical, mental, and behavioral health services

Housing services

Juvenile justice services

Social infrastructure strengthening

Out of school time programs

Recreational activities

Mentoring

Service learning and volunteering

Arts and cultural programs

Leadership development

Library services

Community development

Family strengthening and family resource centers

Financial assistance

Home visiting

Child abuse and neglect prevention

Foster care services

Kinship care services

Adoption services

Independent living supports

Case management and care coordination

Youth workforce development

Apprenticeships and internships

Work study

Summer jobs

**ECE** slots

ECE quality

ECE workforce development

Early learning literacy

Pre-K

K-12

Higher education

**Tutoring** 

GED and re-engagement services

Truancy prevention

College access and success programs

Special education

Prenatal health services

Early childhood intervention services

Behavioral health services

In-patient medical care

Emergency medical care

General health care

School-based health services

**Nutrition support** 

Family planning and sexual health

Substance use and abuse prevention

Residential treatment

Health insurance

Pediatric centers

Homeless youth services

Housing

Street outreach service

Community based juvenile justice services

Violence prevention

Legal support

Detention

Provider recruitment and professional

development

Provider outreach, training, evaluation, and

technical assistance

Community engagement

**Equity investments** 

Data and technology systems

Intermediary infrastructure

Strategic finance planning

Sector stabilization (COVID relief)

CHILDREN' SPENDING PROJECT

# From Questions...

# To Opportunities!

## 1. Current Funding

How much funding supports our goals right now?



Fiscal mapping

# 2. Needed Funding

How much will it cost to fund our goals in full?



Cost modeling and estimation

# 3. Additional Funding

How do we fill the gap between current funding and fully funding our goals?



Sources of additional funding



### Presenters



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## Presenters



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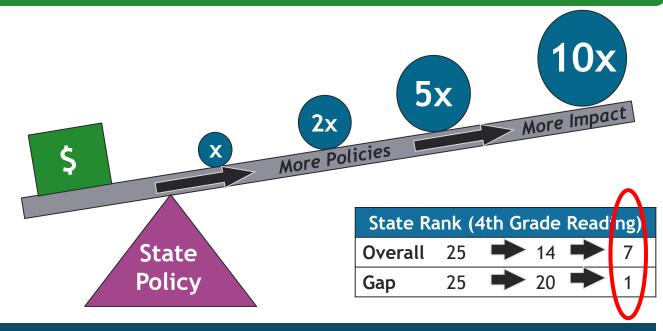


Rochelle Wilcox CEO Wilcox Academy of Early Learning

# Money Matters; State Policies Determine How Much



With the right state policies, increased spending can substantially increase student performance and narrow achievement gaps.



See ExcelinEd, <u>Making Money Matter</u> (2023).



# Policies To Maximize Impact of Funding



### **Accountability for Outcomes**

- A-F School Grades
- Performance Bonuses
- Targeted Interventions

Student-Centered Funding

### **Transparency & Tools**

- Identify Successful Schools
- Expenditure Benchmarking
- Actual Funding Per Student

### Competition & Choice

- One Formula for All Schools
- Open Enrollment
- Course Access

Weights

### **Build District Capacity**

- Mandatory Training
- Multi-District Collaboration
- Strategic Finance Plans

### Focus on All Students

- \$ Follows the Student
- Accountability for All
- Rewards for Higher Needs

# Base

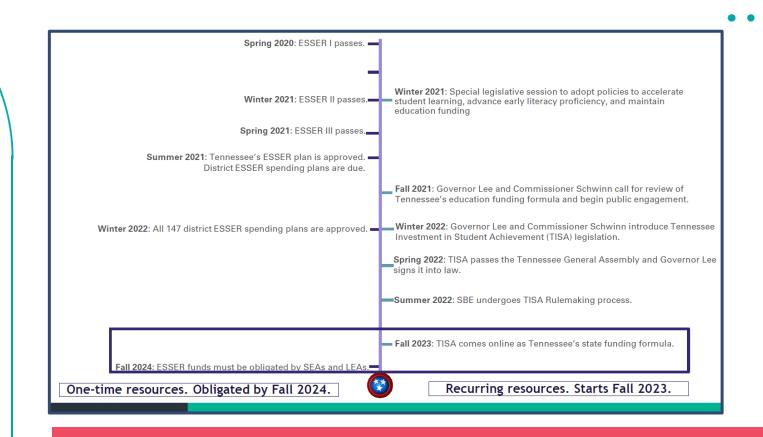
### **Leverage State Resources**

- Matching Grants
- Identify Best Practices
- Strategic Priorities

See Diagnostic Tool



# **Education Finance Reform In Midst of Historic Pandemic**



| Potential<br>Investment Priority                      | Student Outcomes Data (Tennessee)  | Potential Goals and Strategies   |
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| Academic Strategy<br>for Strong Tier I<br>Instruction | <ol> <li>TCAP: Only 35% of Tennessee students in grades 3-8 are proficient in ELA.</li> <li>TCAP: Only 34% of Tennessee students in grades 3-8 are proficient in Math.*</li> </ol>   | Adopt high-quality instructional materials     Implementation and training support for educators after adoption  |
| Individualized<br>Time and Attention                  | <ol> <li>NAEP: In reading, the achievement gap between the highest and lowest performers continues to widen for both 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Tennessee.</li> <li>NAEP: Achievement gaps for low-income students persist in both reading and math, with more than a 20-percentage point gap in proficiency between economically disadvantaged students and their non-economically disadvantaged peers.**</li> </ol> | <ol> <li>High-dosage tutoring</li> <li>Summer learning</li> </ol>  |
| Teaching Job and<br>Pipeline                          | <ol> <li>SBOE EPP Report Card: EPP completers in Tennessee have declined by 28% from 2014 to 2020, with an even steeper decrease of 40% since 2011.</li> <li>TDOE: Only 60% of teachers are retained in their school after 5 years.***</li> </ol>  | 1. Teacher pipeline and retention analysis (i.e. strategic compensation analysis, Grow Your Own teacher pipeline initiatives,)  2. Teacher leadership and capacity-building roles (i.e. Opportunity Culture) |
| College and Career<br>Readiness                       | <ol> <li>TDOE: Only 41% of students "ready graduate" in 2019-20, vs. 90% HS graduation rate.</li> <li>THEC: 9 point drop in college going rate, wiping out a decade of progress.</li> <li>Forthcoming report: College wage premium for BA is still higher than HS, by about double over a career lifetime.</li> </ol>  | <ol> <li>Data-driven college and career<br/>advising</li> <li>High-quality college and career<br/>pathways with EPSOs, CTE, etc.</li> </ol>  |



### **Mission:**

The San Antonio Area Foundation serves as your most trusted and impactful philanthropic partner.

### Vision:

To close the opportunity gap for the people in San Antonio who need it most.



# Landscape

47% Kindergarten readiness



40% 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading readiness



17 School districts



State school finance



# **Future Ready Plan**

By 2030, we will increase postsecondary enrollment of Bexar County High School graduates in a degree or credential program to 70%.

Backbone organization: Up Partnership







90 + Partners cross sector stakeholders

Reshape our systems and partnerships to ensure equity for

Pair students
who need
support with
youth
development
providers

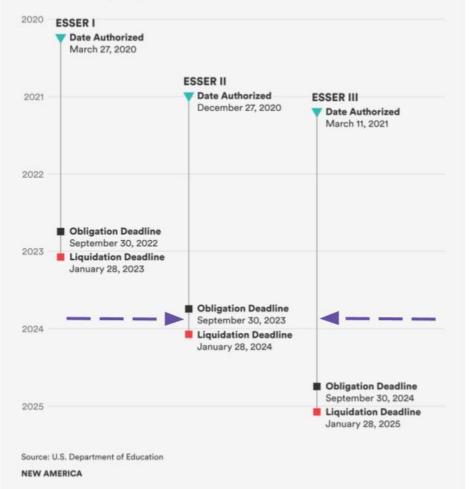
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# Where are we now in the ESSER timeline?

### **ESSER Funding: Important Dates**





Questions & Discussion

# **Upcoming GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinars:**

### LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

Early Grade Retention: A Conversation About the Potential Benefits and Risks Tuesday, November 7, 3–4:30 p.m. ET/12–1:30 p.m. PT

### CRUCIBLE OF PRACTICE SALON

Community Mobilization and a Shared Agenda: Collective Impact Insights With 313Reads Tuesday, November 14, 12:30-2 p.m. ET/9:30-11 a.m. PT

### LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

Leaps and Bounds: How Early Learning Supports the "Mississippi Miracle" Tuesday, November 14, 3–4:30 p.m. ET/12–1:30 p.m. PT

Join us!



