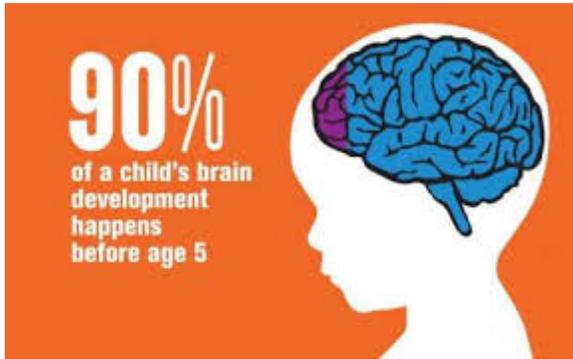




PROJECT HOPES

(Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support)



EARLY CHILDHOOD MATTERS

The first years of a child's life are foundational for their future learning, behavior, and health.

Stable, nurturing, safe relationships and environments ensure that children can develop the cognitive and emotional skills they need to be resilient and healthy throughout their lives.

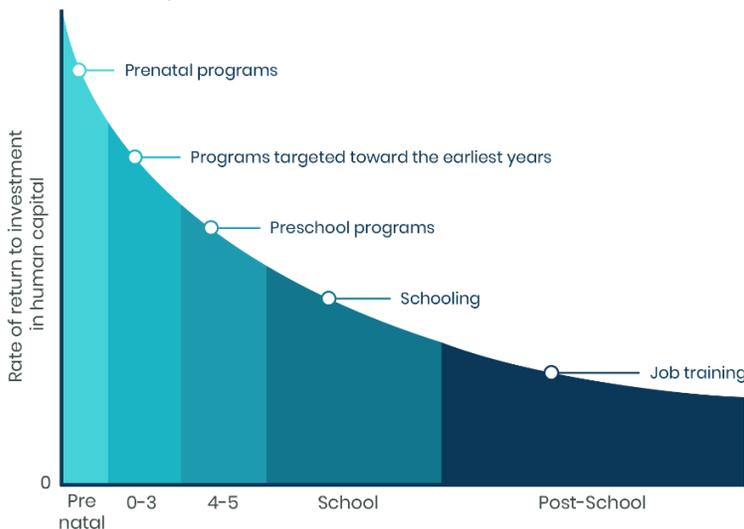
Unfortunately, many parents are stretched and stressed during the earliest months and years of their child's life and may not have access to family or community resources.

The most effective way to support a young child is through their family. Ensuring that parents are connected to community networks of support can ensure that they are able to overcome challenges and determine how best to support their child's health and development.

PROJECT HOPES IS A TAILORED, COMMUNITY PREVENTION SOLUTION

Project HOPES is a prevention approach through the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) division of the Department of Family and Protective Services for families with children 0-5. It offers a **flexible and community-based solution to child abuse and neglect prevention** in high-risk counties throughout Texas so that families can connect to help when they need it. Project HOPES is the best kept secret at DFPS and a first line of defense in family preservation.

Local grantees select the evidence-based programs that are the right fit for their community in order to create a continuum of services that can ensure that families have access to the right program at the right time. **Most communities choose to offer proven, family support home visiting programs** as well as other opportunities across the prevention continuum.



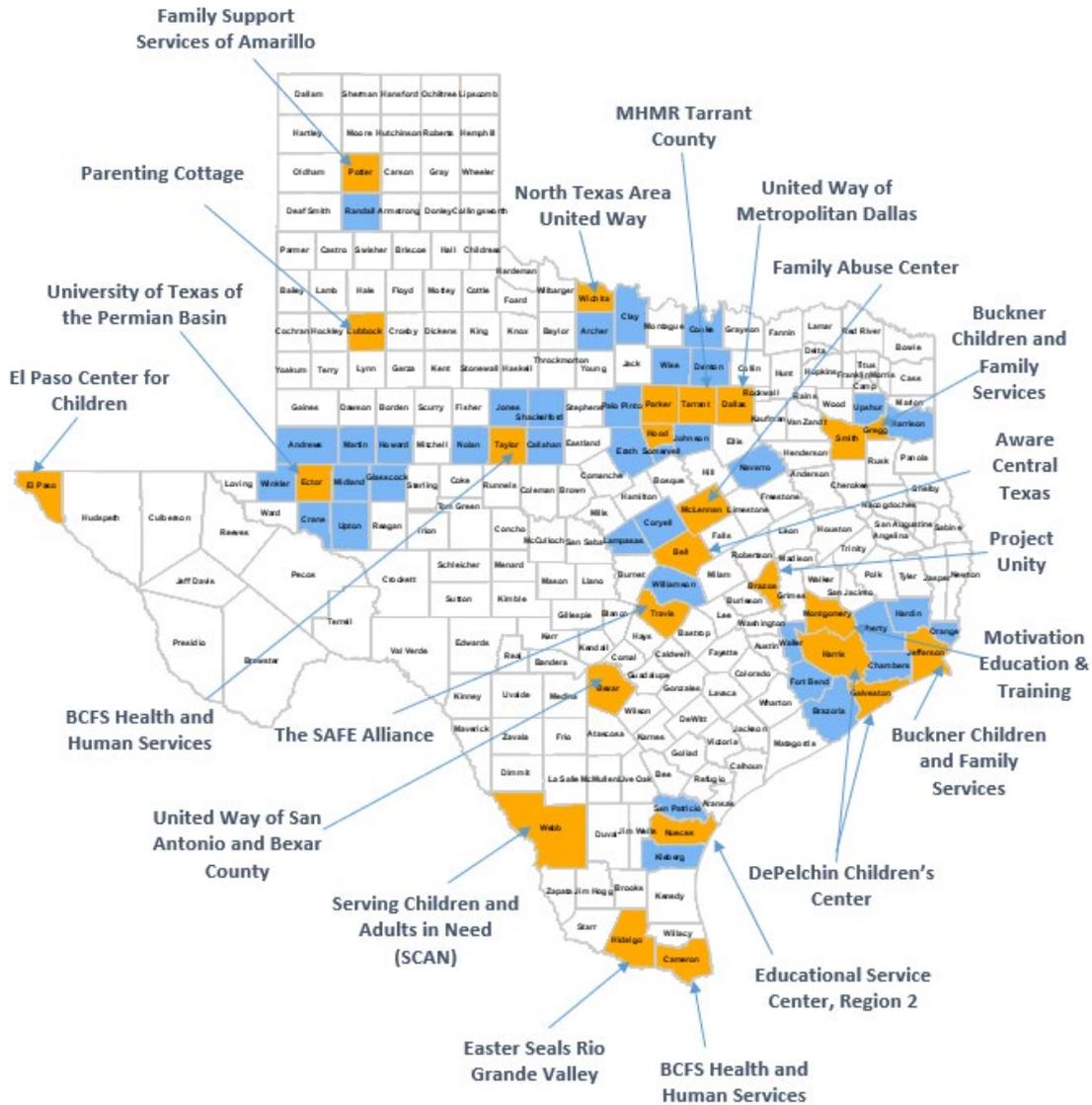
STARTING EARLY PRODUCES GREATER RETURNS

Investments in children's' early years are smart for Texas taxpayers. **Evidence-based home visiting programs** have proven to **reduce child abuse (up to 50%)** by building families' protective factors. In addition, these dual generation approaches have proven outcomes in academic achievement, maternal and child health, father involvement, child development, & economic self-sufficiency.

With a **return on investment ranging from \$1.26 to \$8.08**, these programs make dollars and sense.



Project HOPES provided prevention services to more than 7,000 families with children 0-5 in 46 counties in 2018.



Project HOPES is unique to each implementing community. Some of the proven programs being provided in communities around Texas include:

Early Head Start	Family Connects	Healthy Families America
Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters	Nurse Family Partnership	Nurturing Parenting
Parents as Teachers	Play and Learning Strategies	Safecare Augmented

423,000 Texas families with young children have 3 or more risk factors and could benefit from prevention programming through Project HOPES.