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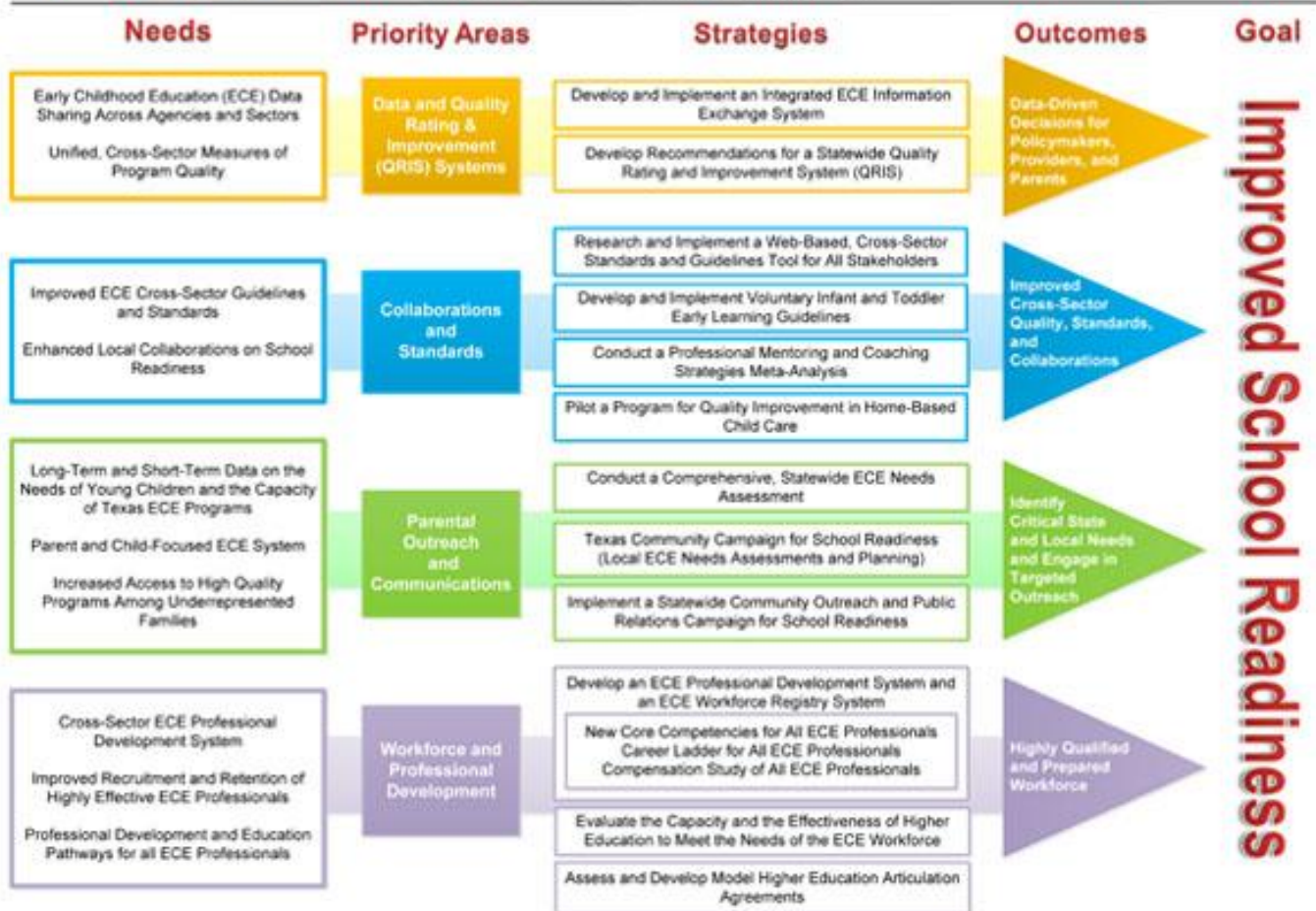
Texas Early Learning Council Priorities



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Texas Early Childhood Path to School Readiness

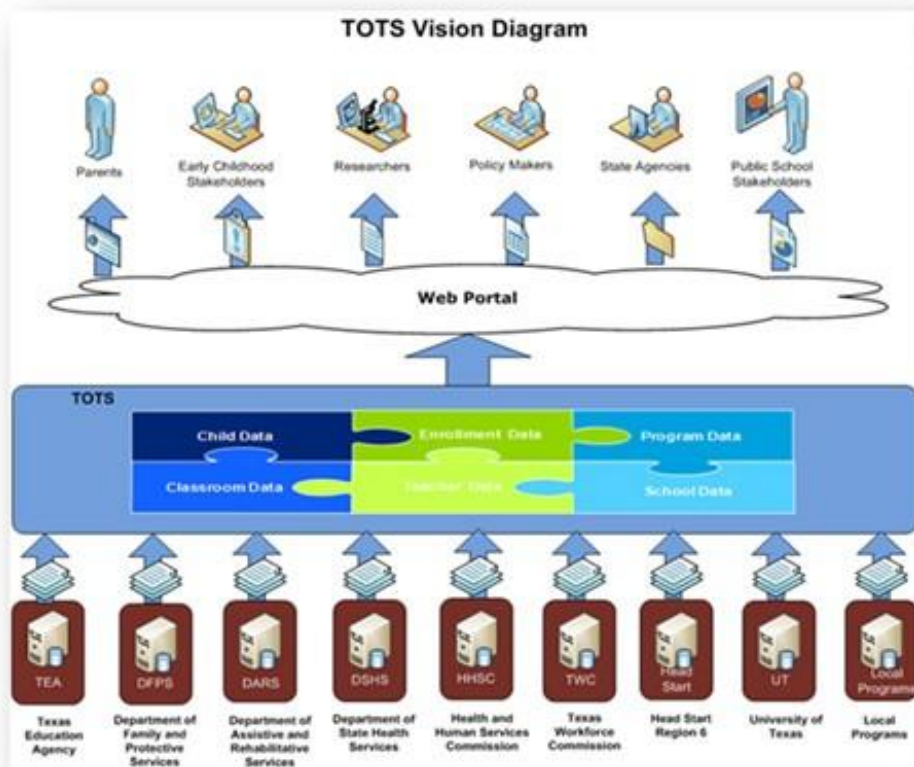
The Texas Early Learning Council is working towards the goal of improving school readiness in Texas by identifying needs and priority areas in the early care and education system, developing strategies for improvement, and facilitating high-quality outcomes.





Data and QRIS

TOTS - The On-Track System:



- A key priority of the Council was to create an interagency early childhood data warehouse, call TOTS

- We made significant progress:
 - Statewide data conference
 - Strategic plan
 - Joint requirements

- Ultimately the Council shifted to recommendations for a Data system rather than a build



Data and QRIS



- The Council produce two critical documents for the state:
 - A strategic plan that navigates all of the critical issues involved with creating TOTS
 - A set of governance and technology recommendations for the Governor

The On-Track System (TOTS)

Early Childhood Data Systems in Texas

Recommendations to Governor Rick Perry

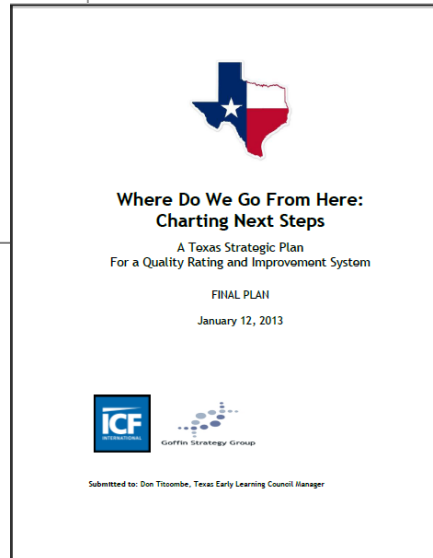
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Data and QRIS

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)



- Similarly, the Council has studied bringing a multi-sector QRIS to Texas
- The Council significantly moved the issued forward in the discourse in the state
- Products include two critical publications
- Recommendations are to follow



Public Outreach and Communications

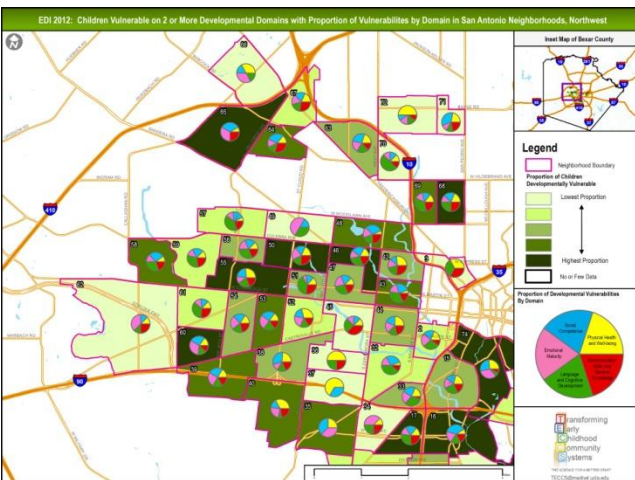
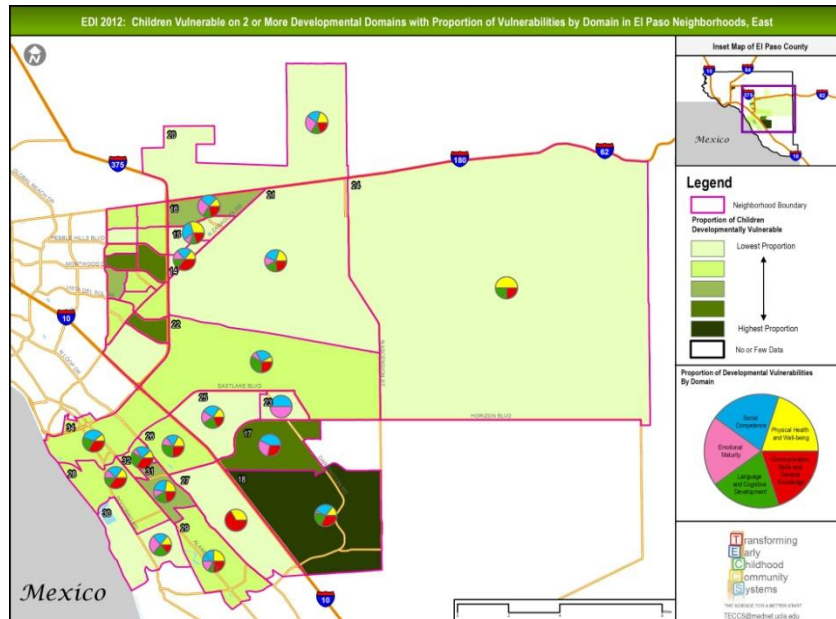
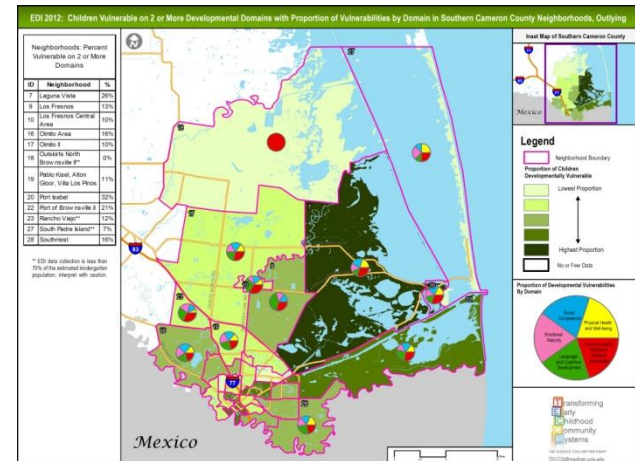
Texas Community Campaign for School Readiness

- In addition to the standard needs assessment conducted The Texas Early Learning Council experimented with its needs assessment – we piloted the Early Development Instrument (EDI) in four communities





Public Outreach and Communications



These are examples of the Community-Level Data produced by this project!

7 New Texas Communities have joined the project through Federal Home Visitation funds!



Collaborations and Standards

New Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines for Texas:



Your early learning guide for infants, toddlers, & 3-year-olds

- The Council brought together 25 stakeholders, 5 writers, and many others to produce new Infant, Toddler, and 3-Year-Old guidelines for the state
- Demand for the guidelines is tremendous

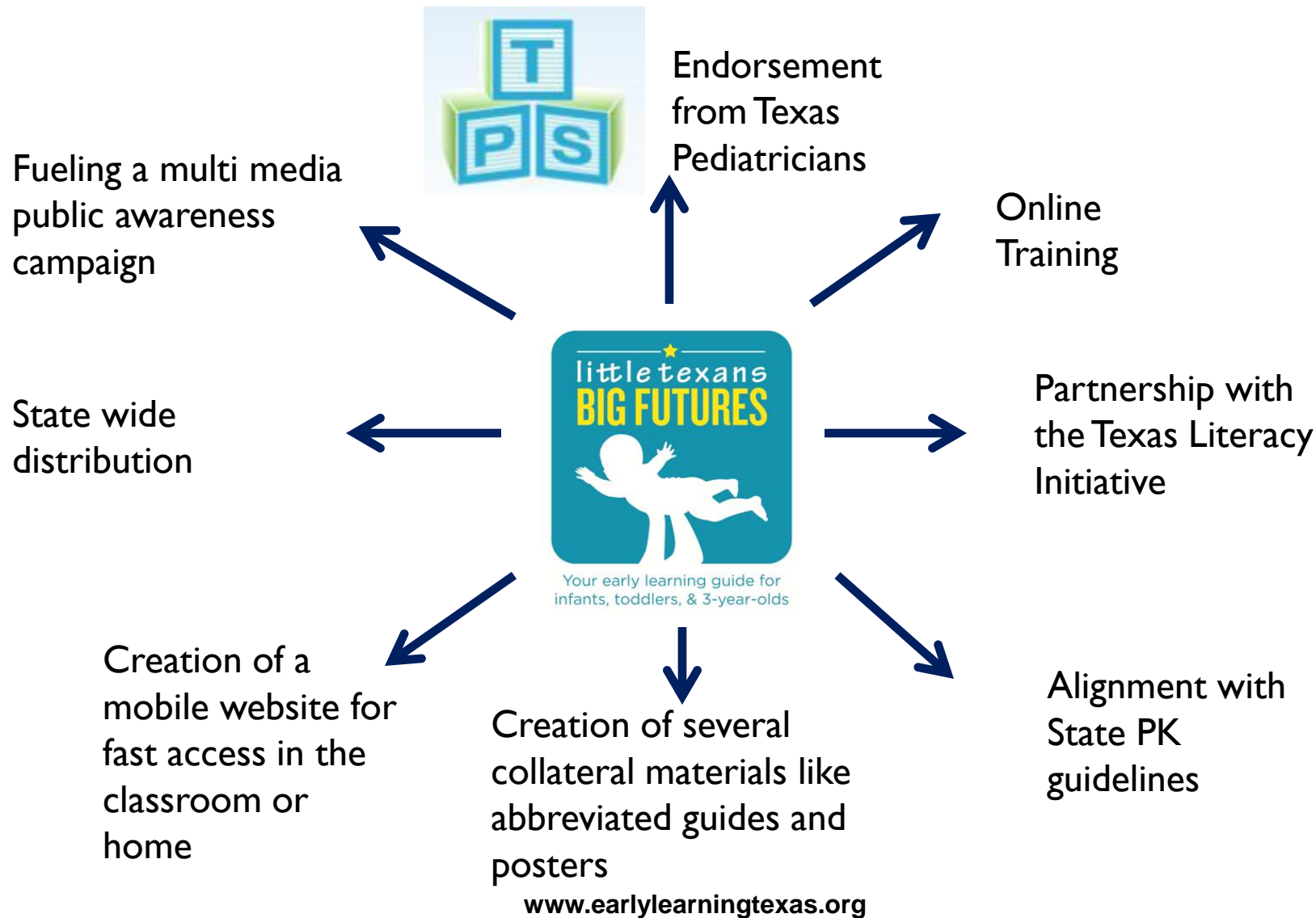
Available in Spanish too!



Tu guía para primeros aprendizajes para bebés de 0 a 3 años



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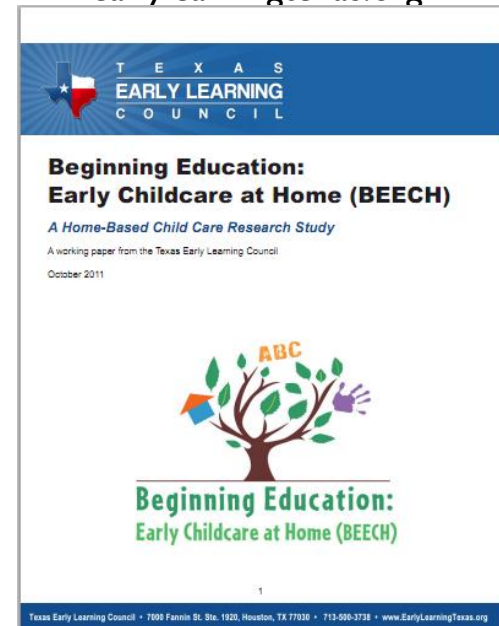


Collaborations and Standards

Family Child Care Project/ Beginning Education: Early Childcare at Home

- A unique proposal offered by the Council was:
 - *Enhance existing high quality initiatives through the development of a school readiness home-based early childhood provider project that builds on existing school readiness initiatives that have proven success records in preparing Texas children for school.*
- The Council partnered with Researchers from Children's Learning Institute to devise and online training and mentoring model
- The Model is based on PALS – Play and Learn Strategies, a parenting intervention validated by the What Works Clearing House

Read about it at
earlylearningtexas.org



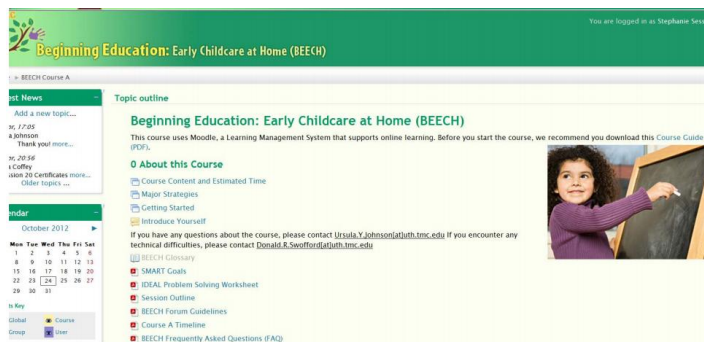


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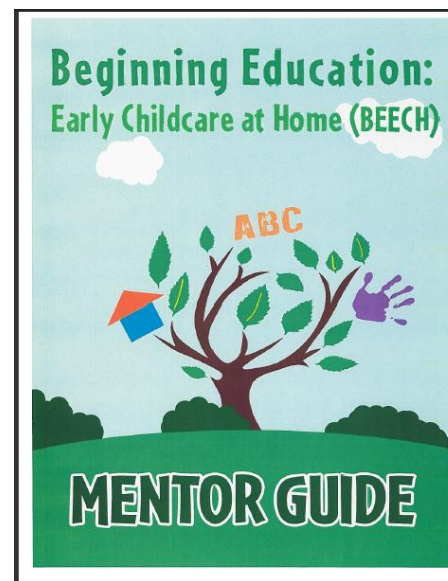
- This project (BEECH) is an online training system for home based child care providers
- The council has funded an RCT study of the system as well as coupling mentoring with the system
- All products are in Spanish too!



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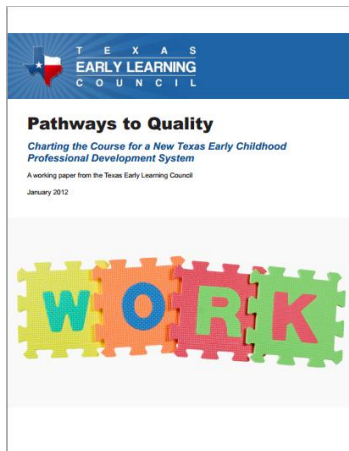




Workforce and Professional Development

Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System (TECPDS)

- Without question the largest undertaking of the Council is the new TECPDS
- This is a dynamic system with many parts, all of which have been influenced by the Council



Read in-depth about the whole system at earlylearningtexas.org

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