



Lubbock Area United Way



The Power of Investing in Childcare

Lubbock Area United Way has been a long-time advocate for quality, affordable childcare. Access to childcare makes communities better in many ways - it gives children a strong foundation to continue their education, it allows parents and caregivers to have stable jobs, and it provides jobs for those who care for children.

Another way childcare helps our community is by decreasing instances of child abuse. As April is Child Abuse Awareness month and Go Blue month in Lubbock, child abuse mitigation is especially prevalent. [An article from Pediatrics](#), a publication from the American Academy of Pediatrics, stated that expanded access to "child care and early education could also have considerable implications for the prevention of child maltreatment by decreasing families' out-of-pocket expenses and increasing income" and "reduc[ing] family stress, supervisory neglect, and families' need to use inappropriate alternative caregivers." Further, access to childcare for families who are involved in the child welfare system reduces rates of foster care entry for those children.

Texas has a great opportunity to expand access to childcare with [House Bill 500 which includes \\$100 million to strengthen the state's childcare services program](#). CCS provides financial aid for families who meet work and income requirements to access high-quality childcare. Currently, the CCS program is leaving many eligible families on a waitlist for months or even years due to insufficient state funding.

Speaker Burrows and Representative Tepper have advanced this bill through the House, but it still needs Senate support. [Contact Senator Charles Perry](#) and encourage him to support the \$100 million in HB 500 to serve thousands more families on the childcare services waitlist.

Next Steps:

- [Contact Speaker Burrows and thank him for his support of HB 500](#)
- [Contact Senator Charles Perry and encourage him to support the \\$100 million in HB 500](#)



Congratulations to Lubbock Area United Way Board member, Dr. Katherine Wells on earning her Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree!

Dr. Wells is the Director of Public Health at the City of Lubbock Public Health Department.

Congratulations, Dr. Wells!

Platinum Transparency 2025 Candid.

We are happy to share that we received the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid!

This is the highest level of recognition from Candid, the largest sources of information about nonprofits.

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[Visit the Community Status Report Website](#)

This website provides an in-depth look at the challenges our neighbors face and helps us find solutions to better support local organizations and strengthen our community.





Check out the 2024 Community Partner Guide!

This guide tells you about our Community Partners, the services they provide, and how many people they served last year.

Visit our website to read the guide and learn more about our Community Partners.

[Website](#)

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