



# Texas LAUNCH NEWS

Linking Action for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

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Maternal Depression & Medicaid  
Family First Prevention Services Act  
First3Years Regional Conference 2018  
...and more!



## Keeping Up with Fort Worth Opportunities

[The Raising of Fort Worth](#) initiative is a convening of First3Years and community stakeholders to engage advocates from business, philanthropic, education, faith-based and health sectors to champion local efforts and support local actionable steps toward quality early development and education opportunities for every child in the Fort Worth area. March 20<sup>th</sup> marked the kick-off of a series of three events featuring national renowned speakers and local business leaders. The event focused on the connection between early childhood and a strong workforce enabling the Mayor, the Fort Worth Chamber, and community to build *Strong Beginnings for a Brighter Future*. Dates for the next two events are June 28<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> of 2018. To learn more about these upcoming events and First3Years, click [here!](#)

**Recognize.  
Monitor.  
Care.**

Help support children after TBI.

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) has published a [Report to Congress entitled "The Management of Traumatic Brain Injury in Children: Opportunities for Action."](#) This report defines and describes what Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) are, national statistics surrounding the implication on children, gaps in services, and recommendations for treatment. TBI's affect children differently that adults in that is can hinder the child's developmental capacity and trajectory both physically and emotionally. TBI's in children and youth has become a public health issue due to high prevalence rates. According to the report, "In 2013, there were approximately 640,000 TBI-related emergency department (ED) visits, 18,000 TBI-related hospitalizations, and 1,500 TBI-related deaths among children 14 years of age, and younger." According to the report, "More than sixty-one percent of children with a moderate to severe TBI experience a disability." To learn more about traumatic brain injuries, the implications for children and child serving entities, and the recommendations for treatment you can access the full report [here](#).

## CCDF State Plan Out for Comment

Texas Workforce Commission has released the [2019-2021 Child Care and Development Fund \(CCDF\) State Plan](#) and feedback can be provided at regional public forums! The full report can be access [here](#).



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