

THRIVE

Young Texans Thrive



**Start Smart
Hays & Caldwell**



**Houston Infant
Toddler Coalition**

The Thrive program at The Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health is a project focused on improving the systems that serve young children between the ages of 0-5 years old. Thrive, funded by the Child and Adolescent Health Branch of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), is partnering with local and state authorities to create a full system of support around young children within their communities.

Thrive is thrilled to announce the selection of two amazing Texas groups that we will partner with to expand the work of early childhood coalitions! Please join us in congratulating **Start Smart Hays & Caldwell Counties** and **Houston Infant and Toddler Coalition!**

[Start Smart Hays & Caldwell](#) is an assembly of community members that come together to help every child get a chance at a good start in life. Coalition members provide a range of services to families, from in-home parent education to health and wellness services. As a coalition, they aim to share resources and best practices and create awareness of and connect families to the resources they need to ensure their children are happy, healthy and successful in a thriving community.

The Houston Infant and Toddler Coalition is a collective effort made up of public and private community partners and families of young children that seeks to develop and implement strategies for systems-wide change that will better support the healthy development of infants and toddlers in Houston.

Thrive welcomes the opportunity to partner with these organizations over the next two years to promote the wellness of young children to address their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development through the lens of the community systems in which children and their families interact. We look forward to developing and sharing resources, ideas, best practices and strategies in the months and years ahead!