



ADVANCING A PROSPERITY AGENDA FOR TEXAS

This year, we capitalized on the positive legislative policy changes adopted in 2007, as we prepared to advance a prosperity agenda in 2009. Our work culminated in the William P. Hobby Policy Conference, which brought together national and state experts, community groups, and policymakers to discuss policy changes needed to create economic opportunity for all Texans.

Among our accomplishments this year, we:

- Helped launch the Finish Line Campaign, a collaboration of business, community, faith, and health care leaders working to ensure that every child has affordable, comprehensive health insurance and pushed for sensible market reforms to make private health insurance more affordable and accessible.
- Helped launch the new Texas Supreme Court's Permanent Commission on Children, Youth, and Families to strengthen the judicial response to child abuse and neglect.
- Developed a common-sense, affordable approach to reforming Unemployment Insurance to ensure it protects Texans in tough economic times.
- Convened the RAISE Texas Action Summit to develop a policy agenda for supporting asset development among low-income individuals, families, and communities.
- Worked with the Texas Department of Agriculture to document the link between school breakfast and academic achievement and develop recommendations for expanding school breakfast programs.
- Honored Roy Spence of GSD&M's Idea City as the 2008 Texas Legacy and Kevin Moriarty of Methodist Healthcare Ministries as the 2008 Hobby Visionary.



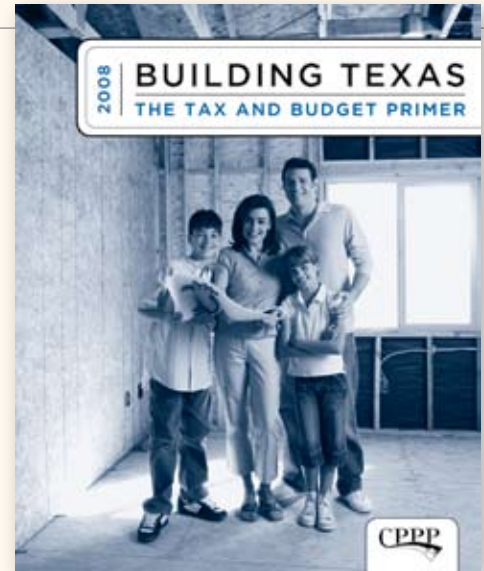
▲ The LBJ School of Public Affairs presented Anne Dunkelberg, our associate director, with its 2008 Distinguished Public Service Award.



▲ The Capital Area Food Bank of Texas named Celia Hagert a Hunger Hero for Advocacy.



▲ The FDIC's Alliance for Economic Inclusion (AEI) presented Don Baylor with a 2008 Pioneer Award for his work on asset building and predatory lending.

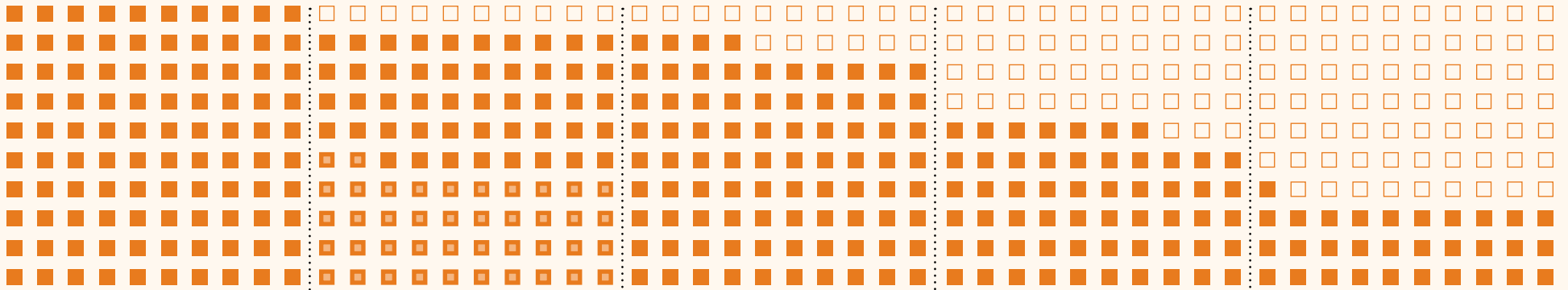


PUBLICATIONS

CPPP released more than 65 analyses and comments this year, including:

- A Child Alone and Without Papers—A Report on the Return and Repatriation of Unaccompanied Undocumented Children by the United States
- Texas Health Care 2008
- Emergency Food Stamps for Hurricane Ike Victims
- Drawing the Line Between Public and Private Responsibility in Child Welfare: The Texas Debate
- A Labor Day Review of Our Unemployment Insurance System
- Recommendations to USDA on the Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Programs
- Building Texas: The 2008 Tax and Budget Primer
- Income Inequality on the Rise in Texas
- College Savings Accounts 101
- Payday Lending—Hurting Texas Families
- Report Card on the Education of Foster Children
- Creating Foster Care Capacity for Abused and Neglected Children

THE FUTURE OF THE CLASS OF 2009



In 1991, nearly 318,000 children were born in Texas. For every 100 infants born that year...

42 enrolled in pre-kindergarten in 1995, and 90 enrolled in public kindergarten in 1996.

But in Fall 2005, only 84 entered 9th grade on time.

By Spring 2009, only 57 will graduate from high school.

By Fall 2009, only 31 will enroll in college.

Based on current trends, by 2016:

- 79 will be in the labor force.
- 74 will have at least a high school diploma, 19 will be in school (high school, college, or graduate program).
- 8 will have a bachelor's degree from a Texas 4-year university. Another 3 will have an associate's or bachelor's from a community college or university.
- 2 will be in the military.
- 17 won't be in the labor force or in school.

Sources: CPPP estimates, using data from U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey and American Community Survey; National Center for Education Statistics; National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education; National Center for Higher Education Management Systems; Texas Education Agency; and University of Texas System, Institutional Studies and Policy Analysis.

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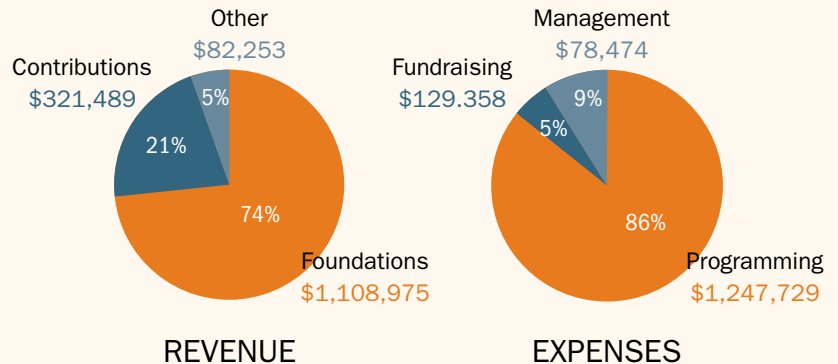
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OUR MISSION CPPP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit policy institute committed to improving public policies to better the economic and social conditions of low- and moderate-income Texans. We pursue our mission through independent research, policy analysis and development, public education, advocacy, coalition building, and technical assistance. Our work is grounded in rigorous data analysis.

OUR VISION We envision a prosperous Texas where economic and social opportunity is available in fair measure to all.

OUR HISTORY In 1985, the Congregation of Benedictine Sisters in Boerne, Texas, motivated by a vision of social justice for the poor and disenfranchised, opened the center to work on improving access to health care for the poor. The center has evolved from three individuals working on health care to an organization of a dozen working to address the challenges facing low- and moderate-income Texans. In 1999, the center became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.