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## TEXAS CHILDREN’S BUDGET FOR 2010-11

For the 2010-2011 biennium, Texas legislators appropriated \$182 billion for critical state services such as education, health and human services, criminal justice, and transportation. This brief analysis focuses on the major programs in the state budget that primarily serve children. Even though children under 18 are only 28 percent of the Texas population, they account for over 40 percent of total spending. But our state budget is also the smallest in the nation after adjusting for population, so funding for many children’s services in Texas compares poorly to other states.

### Biennial Spending on Children, All Funds: \$80.5 Billion in 2010-11

#### HEALTH: \$16 Billion

Children’s Medicaid • CHIP • Texas Health Steps Medical & Dental • EPSDT Comprehensive • Immunizations • Tobacco Education/Prevention • Women & children’s health • Medically Dependent Children Waiver • Children with Special Health Care Needs • Abstinence Education • Substance abuse prevention, intervention, & treatment • Mental health – community services

#### PROTECTIVE SERVICES: \$2.4 Billion

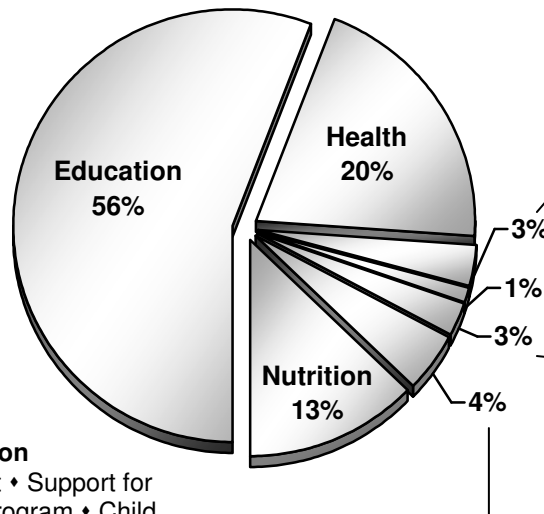
Child protective services/ investigations • Foster care & adoption payments • Child abuse/neglect prevention programs • Family violence services • Communities in Schools

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE: \$780 Million

Juvenile probation • Texas Youth Commission

#### INCOME SUPPORT: \$2.2 Billion

Child support enforcement • Workforce Investment Act: Youth Programs • Child care subsidies for low-income families • Child care regulation • TANF cash assistance



#### EDUCATION: \$45 Billion

PreK-12: Foundation School Program, Operations & Facilities - Statewide Programs - Achievement of Students at Risk - School Improvement & Support - Assessment & Accountability - Technology/Instructional Materials - Health and Safety - Improved Educator Quality/Leadership • Teach for Texas Loans/Grants • Centers for Teacher Education • Teacher Quality Grants Program • Early High School Graduation Scholarship

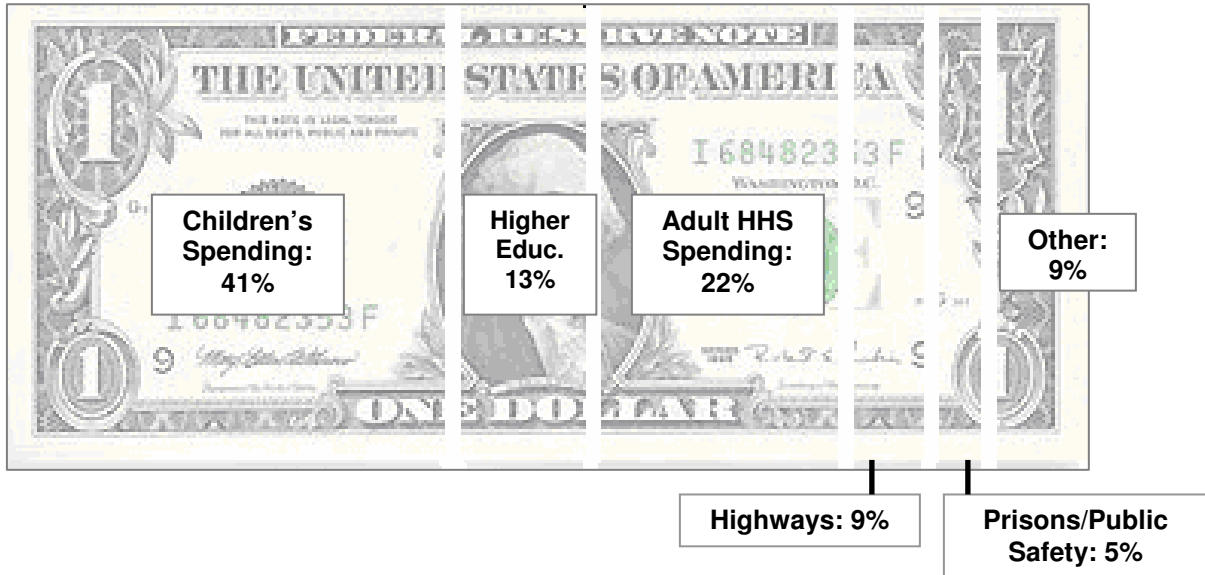
#### NUTRITION: \$10 Billion

PreK-12 school lunch & breakfast • Support for school programs • Special Milk Program • Child & Adult Care Food • Summer Food Service • Food Distribution • Commodity Supplemental Food • Emergency Food Assistance • Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) • Women, Infants, & Children’s (WIC) Program

#### SPECIAL NEEDS: \$3.4 Billion

PreK-12 education of students with disabilities • School for the Blind and Visually Impaired • School for the Deaf • Early Childhood Intervention comprehensive & respite services • Habilitative services for blind/visually impaired • Autism services

## Spending on Children vs. Other Areas of State Spending in 2010-11



The figure above shows how the \$75.6 billion in appropriated funds for children's spending in the 2010-11 budget compares to other major areas of state services. When \$4.8 billion in nutrition benefits (SNAP/Food Stamps) that is not appropriated is taken into account, the children's "budget" increases to the \$80.5 billion shown on the previous page. Adult health and human services spending is mainly health care (Medicaid) for elderly and disabled Texans and for low-income pregnant women, and community care and other long-term care services. Higher education is the share of the state budget supporting public universities, teaching hospitals, and community and junior colleges. The highway, prisons/public safety, and other functions (such as environmental protection, state parks, and the judiciary) provide services benefiting children as well as adults but were not included in any estimate of child spending.

The table below distinguishes total funds for children's services from state-only funds, and also shows changes from the previous budget (2008-09). Increased federal funds prevented declines in education and special needs services, and lessened the impact of cuts in state funding for juvenile justice.

	All Funds (billion \$)		Biennial Change	Nonfederal Funds (bil \$)		Biennial Change
	2008-09	2010-11		2008-09	2010-11	
Education	\$44.5	\$44.9	1%	\$40.507	\$35.856	-11%
Health	15.5	16.4	6	5.673	5.971	5
Nutrition	8.6	10.3	20	0.039	0.038	-3
Special Needs	2.4	3.4	42	0.397	0.353	-11
Protective Services	2.2	2.4	9	0.926	1.141	23
Income Support	1.9	2.2	15	0.530	0.532	0.4
Juvenile Justice	0.9	0.8	-10	0.810	0.688	-15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$76.0</b>	<b>\$80.5</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>\$48.9</b>	<b>\$44.6</b>	<b>-9%</b>

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