

A YEAR OF COLLABORATION

CPPPP is staffed with thinkers who are also doers! This year, we have been busy working with others to improve public policy for a **BETTER TEXAS™**.



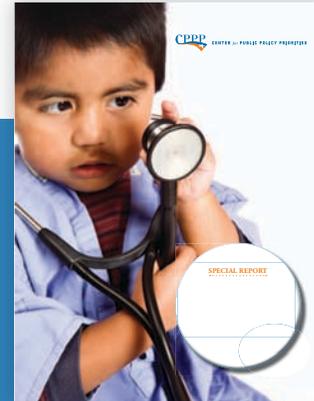
Texas Voice for Health Reform, a CPPPP project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, helped secure national health care reform. Now we are working to successfully implement reform. As a first step, we hit the road, making presentations about reform in over 20 Texas cities. We also hosted the 2010 William P. Hobby Policy Conference, bringing together national and state experts to discuss how Texas can make the most of reform to ensure affordable, quality health care for all.



CPPPP is staffing an important new coalition—**TEXAS Forward**, a broad-based group engaging in public education about the upcoming state revenue shortfall. The state may be short as much as 25 percent of the revenue needed for a good budget. The coalition seeks a balanced approach to balancing the budget—one that includes new revenue.



OpportunityTexas™ is a joint initiative of CPPPP and RAISE Texas with three main goals: creating jobs, increasing income, and promoting savings. The initiative is focused on promoting opportunities for individuals and families to save while increasing college access and success. **OpportunityTexas™** is working to build a middle class through initiatives such as college savings accounts, enhanced financial education, and one-stop “opportunity centers.”



PUBLICATIONS

CPPPP released over 100 analyses and comments about public policy, including:

- Special Report: Texas Health Reform Checklist: Key Steps to Make the Most of Reform
- Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention: How to Do It Better
- Federal Funding for Child Support Is Critical to Children and Families
- Undocumented and Abused: A Texas Case Study of Children in the Child Protective Services System
- Texas Tuition Promise Fund: Using College Savings to Increase College Success
- How Is Texas Using Recovery Act Funds to Create Jobs?
- What Every Texan Should Know About Health Reform Implementation
- Modernizing Texas' Unemployment Insurance System
- Common-Sense Principles for Immigration Reform
- Turning Community College Drop-Outs into Graduates
- Use All of the Rainy Day Fund: A Balanced Approach to Balancing the State Budget
- The State of Texas Children 2009-10
- Hard Times for Food Hardship in U.S. and Texas
- Fighting Hunger, Improving Nutrition: Progress and Opportunities

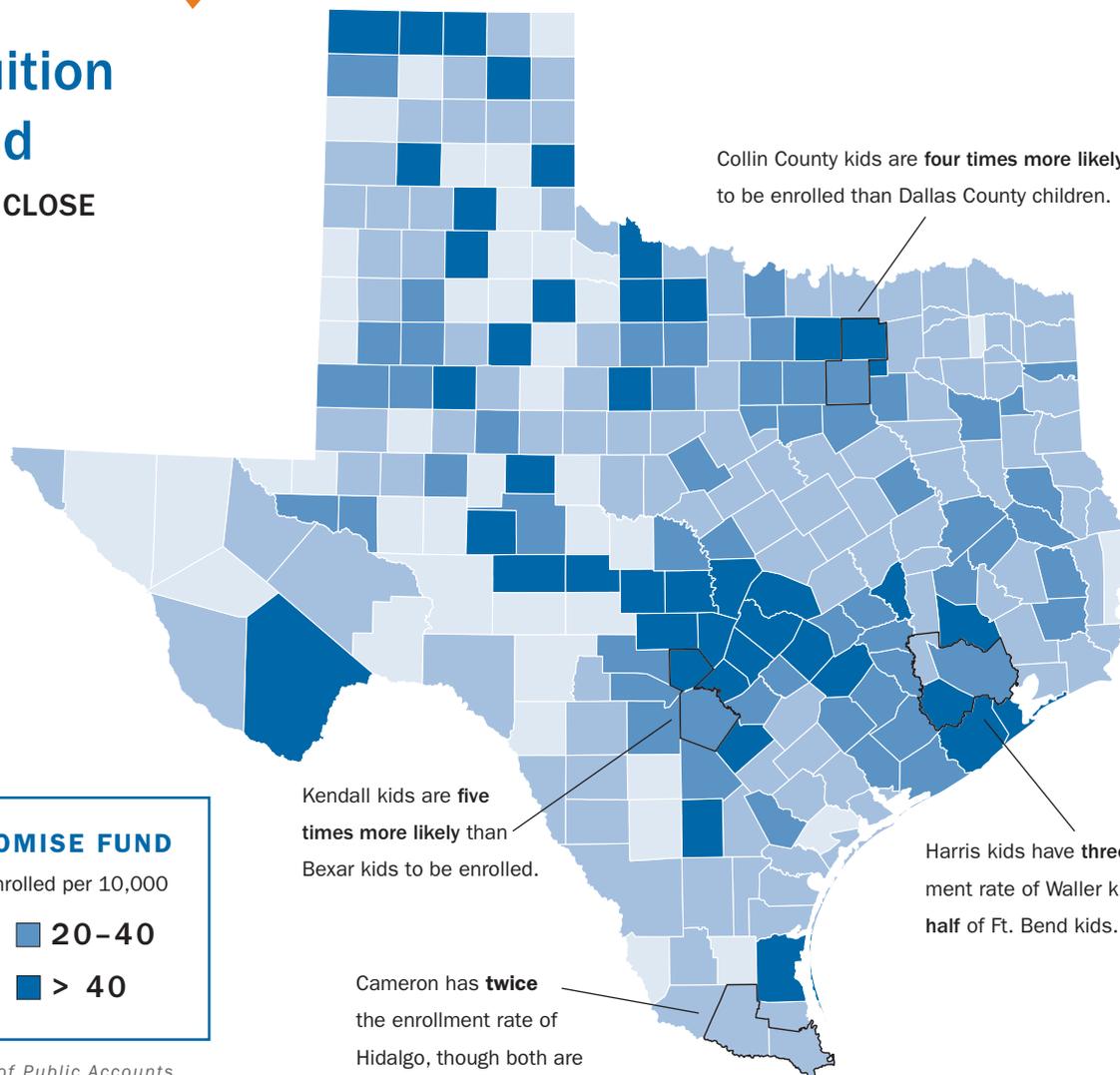


CPPPP staff advocating for health care reform at the Capitol, November 14, 2009.



The Texas Tuition Promise Fund

A STRATEGY TO HELP CLOSE THE EDUCATION GAP



TEXAS TUITION PROMISE FUND
Number of Children (0-14) Enrolled per 10,000

□ 0	■ 20-40
■ 1-20	■ > 40

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is a way to save for college through a prepaid tuition plan offered by the state of Texas.

Children who have a savings account in their names are **nearly seven times more likely** to attend a four-year college than those with no account.

Yet, African-American and Hispanic children are **seven times less likely** to be enrolled in TTPF than Anglos.

Children from families in the bottom half, by income, make up only **6 percent** of TTPF participants.

Data Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Total Enrollment from 01/01/08 - 09/23/10 for kids 0-14

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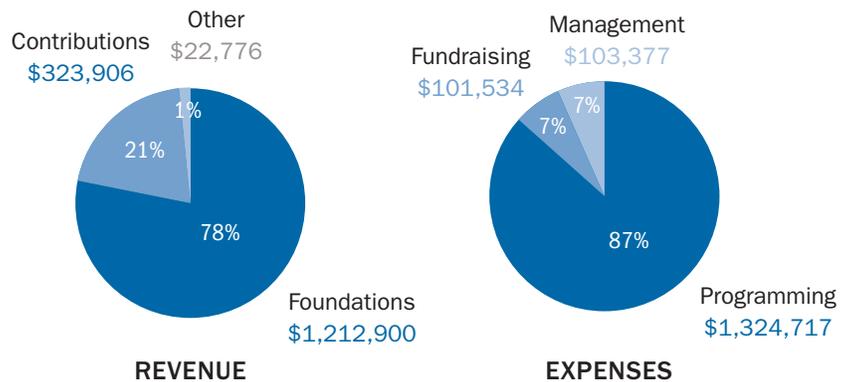
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OUR MISSION CPPP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit policy institute committed to improving public policies to better the economic and social conditions of low- and moderate-income Texans. We pursue our mission through independent research, policy analysis and development, public education, advocacy, coalition building, and technical assistance. We pursue this mission to achieve a **BETTER TEXAS™**

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

OUR HISTORY In 1985, a Congregation of Benedictine Sisters, motivated by a vision of social justice for the poor and disenfranchised, opened the center to improve access to health care for the poor. The center evolved to broadly address the challenges facing low- and moderate-income Texans. In 1999, the center became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.