

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADVOCACY SNAPSHOT

Big policy wins for Texas children!



\$31 MILLION

in Additional Funding to Improve Access to **Early Childhood Intervention Services**



Created the **Texas Child Psychiatry Access Network** to Support Primary Care Pediatricians and Alleviate Mental Health Workforce Shortages



Strengthened the **Texas Newborn Screening Program** for Long-term Success and Improve Payment for NBS Testing



Improved **Early Childcare Standards** Related to Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Screen Time



Championed Major Reforms to **Medicaid Managed Care** to Improve Access to Care and Reduce Administrative Burden on Pediatricians



Raised the **Age of Tobacco and E-cigarette Use and Purchase to 21**

86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION FAST FACTS



7,851
total bills filed during the 2019 session



TPS tracked **450+** bills this session



63 Medical Students/Residents attended 2019 Advocacy Day



~1,400
bills passed



35+
TPS pediatricians testified



TPS recognized as the **leading authority on child health** in Texas



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