

*Become a Champion for Young Futures*  
*Your Support Changes Futures*

You can help more young children enter kindergarten curious, confident, and ready to learn, preparing them to become Houston's future workforce.

**Ways You Can Help:**

- Invest in our mission
- Volunteer at a Center of Excellence
- Champion early childhood education through advocacy

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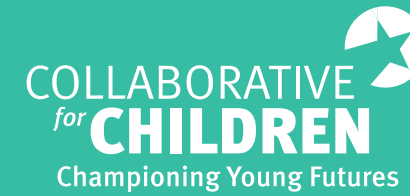
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Championing YOUNG Futures,  
*Together!*



## Championing YOUNG Futures

*Building Houston's Workforce—Starting at Birth*

Across Greater Houston, most children are born into child care deserts and never gain access to the high quality early learning that fuels lifelong success. Only half of Houston's children are school ready, contributing to a future workforce in which just 1/4 of high school graduates are truly career prepared.

**Collaborative for Children  
is changing this.**



## Championing YOUNG Futures

We are creating an ecosystem of the **highest quality child care** in the communities that need it most, so Houston gains a stronger and better skilled future labor force.



## Why This Matters to Houston's Business and Civic Leaders

A child's earliest years shape every milestone that follows: school success, workforce readiness, and economic opportunity. When children start kindergarten already behind, most never catch up, resulting in a smaller, less prepared labor pool for Houston's future economy. With only half of Houston's children entering kindergarten fully prepared, the gap widens quickly: just one-third are reading at grade level by third grade, and only one in four ultimately earns a two-or-four-year degree or workforce certificate.

## Our 2026–2028 Strategy is built around **CHILD + CARE!**

These nine pillars drive school readiness, workforce development, and long-term community impact.

### **CHILD**

(Program Strategies that drive child outcomes, family engagement, provider quality, and instructional excellence)

#### **C – Children Ready for School**

Our goal is that 60% of children ages 3–5 will achieve full school readiness by 2028. We will support strong child outcomes by expanding development from 1 skill to 7 essential skills.

#### **H – Help for Families**

Increasing family engagement from 200 to 600 parents with individualized digital learning strategies

#### **I – Infrastructure for Providers**

Driving 75% of 125 Centers of Excellence to top tier business quality (Tiers III and IV)

#### **L – “Learning for All” Coaching for Teachers**

Coaching and neurodiversity support for 150 teachers

#### **D – Data & Technology**

We will use digital tools to scale access and impact.

#### **Our successes include:**

- Training 100% of Centers of Excellence owners and directors in digital management tools.
- Delivering Collab-Lab mobile hands-on STEAM learning experiences to 7,500 children and their families.

### **CARE**

(Operational Imperatives that strengthen partnerships, expand access, ensure sustainability, and scale organizational impact)

#### **C – Community Partnerships**

Children succeed when the community stands with them.

#### **Our work includes:**

- Building partnerships with Houston's business, workforce, and civic leaders
- Strengthening momentum for policy change ahead of the 2027 legislative session

#### **A – Access & Enrollment**

We will deliver high-quality learning opportunities to 6 additional Houston communities, strengthening a birth-to-five pipeline for children not enrolled in formal learning centers - establishing community learning hubs that support academic progress, promoting developmental milestones, and facilitating smooth kindergarten transitions.

#### **R – Revenue & Sustainability**

We seek to raise \$30 million by 2028 to strengthen, scale and sustain Greater Houston's vital early learning ecosystem.

#### **E – Efficiency & Scale**

We will enhance operational efficiency and strategically scale our programs to serve more children, families, and communities throughout Greater Houston.



Only nearly half of Houston's children are school ready



Only 25% of high school graduates are truly career prepared