TX RPC provides data-driven information tailored to legislative districts, which can be a powerful tool for developing and implementing health policies in Texas.

TX RPC supports legislators by:
- providing Texas-level data
- sharing current research and resources on health issues
- establishing partnerships between researchers and legislators

HEALTH POLICY RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATORS

Lunch & Learn Sessions
TX RPC Health Policy Reports
Rapid Response Requests
TX RPC Newsletters
Collaboration Meetings
TX Child Health Status Reports
Center Webinars
TX Legislature Bill Tracker

LEGISLATOR AND RESEARCHER COLLABORATION

1. Improve the health of Texans through policymaking: Assist legislators seeking to use Texas research, data and other trusted resources in their policy development.

2. Connect state and local stakeholders with health researchers: Support legislator-researcher connections by providing data-driven information during Legislative Sessions.

3. Respond to state legislative requests: Develop and disseminate health policy resources to support legislative requests for information that informs health policy.

LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS & HEALTH POLICY PRIORITIES

June 2020 - Present: Synthesize information related to public health topics of interest as expressed by Texas legislators.

55 health policy resources developed by TX RPC staff in collaboration with content experts based on legislative requests and policy priorities.

Resources posted on the TX RPC webpage and distributed via website, email and newsletter.
Since the 2013 session, the Center has hosted a legislative bill tracker that follows child health-specific bills through the legislative process in real time while providing research and links to previous legislation.

**Bill Topics Tracked in 2023:**
- Active Transportation and Build Environment
- Early Childcare Education
- Food Access and Insecurity
- Healthcare Access
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Telehealth
- Maternal & Child Health
- Obesity
- Oral Health
- School & After-School Care
- School Behavioral Health
- Tobacco & E-cigarettes
- Child Behavioral Health
- Vaccines

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**TX RPC HEALTH POLICY RESOURCES**

Disseminates state-level and public health region information on public health topics of interest expressed by Texas legislators.

**Reports Based on Legislative Priorities:**
- Healthcare Access
- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Mental Health
- Pre-Existing Conditions
- Obesity
- Maternal Child Health
- Vaccinations
- COVID-19 and more!

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**MICHAEL & SUSAN DELL CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING WEBINAR SERIES**

Provides presentations and trainings on public health topics by state, national and international experts. Webinars are archived for future viewing.

**Webinars Topics:**
- Food Systems
- School Health
- Health Disparities
- Maternal and Child Health
- Obesity Prevention (Physical Activity, Nutrition)
- COVID-19, and many more!

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**TEXAS CHILD HEALTH STATUS REPORTS**

Provide abbreviated, digestible reports highlighting data on state-level child health disparities and risk factors. Data are also available from Public Health regions and border/non-border levels using the [Texas School Physical Activity and Nutrition (TX SPAN)](https://txspan.org) surveillance system.

**Reports Featuring Texas Data:**
- Obesity
- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Sleep Quality
- Screen Time
- Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
- Eating Away From Home
- Breakfast Consumption
- Teen Vaping
- Vaping Advertisements and Teens
- Vaping with Flavors

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**TX RPC NEWSLETTERS**

Facilitate communication with legislators about public health resources.

Content highlights the work of TX RPC Project Network Researchers and partner organizations and provides data-driven health information to Texas legislators. [Subscribe here.](https://txrpc.org/newsletters)

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