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I want to express my gratitude for your hard work and dedication to improving the health of Texas children and families during the 2023 Legislative Session. We look forward to continuing to support public health-related legislative initiatives in preparation for the 2025 Legislative Session.

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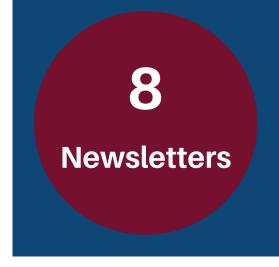
We had a productive year! Here are some highlights from 2023.



During the 2023 Legislative Session, we tracked 460 <u>health-related bills</u> across 14 topics, including nutrition, physical activity, tobacco, child behavioral health, school health, and more.



We developed 11 <u>Health Policy</u> <u>Resource Reports</u> on SNAP Gap, Grocery Gap, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Doula Services, Paid Family Leave, Economic Impacts of SNAP, and Health Benefits of SNAP.



We developed and disseminated 8 TX <u>RPC Project newsletters</u> highlighting health policy resource reports, TX RPC Project researcher publications and projects, webinars, and events.



We held 4 TX RPC Project <u>Lunch &</u> <u>Learn</u> presentations on maternal and child health, policy and community health, food prescription programs, and substance use prevention and treatment programs.



The Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living hosted 25 <u>webinars</u> on nutrition, physical activity, maternal and child health, and more.



Two TX RPC Project researchers were invited to provide testimony on healthrelated bills during the 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

We look forward to providing more state- and local-level data-driven information to legislative offices in 2024 to improve the health of all Texans!

ABOUT THE TX RPC PROJECT

The <u>Texas Research-to-Policy Collaboration (TX RPC) Project</u> is a non-partisan network that aims to bridge research and policy by supporting partnerships between child health researchers and policymakers. The TX RPC Project team and overall network are available to support Texas policymakers with informational requests or resources related to health topics, during the interim and throughout the Legislative Session.

If you are interested in collaborating with us to receive state-, district-, and local-level

data-driven information, please reach out to TXRPCNetwork@uth.tmc.edu.

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