

network stories

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actions

UP Partnership collaborated with Children's Funding Project to develop a fiscal map in 2019. The map identified, tracked and analyzed funding sources for programs and services supporting children and youth across Bexar County. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UP Partnership launched the Equitable Recovery Pledge and strategy, which included the creation of an intergenerational and cross-sector Strategic Funding Alignment Task Force. Using the 2019 fiscal map as a starting point, this team spent six months accomplishing the following:

- Identified funding streams and areas likely to be impacted by COVID-19;
- Created recommendations for preventing, mitigating or recovering from impact;
- Disaggregated impact data by race or ethnicity and income;
- Made recommendations for recovery efforts that cultivate

results

The Strategic Funding Alignment Task Force identified 16 recommendations over their six months of work, 11 of which are in the implementation phase in 2021. This work served the dual purpose of engaging and educating young people on the historical flow of investments in their communities and how to interpret and apply data to effectively advocate for more equitable investment patterns.



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takeaways

UP Partnership’s ability to expand this work was crucial in successfully identifying actionable recommendations and continuing forward momentum, using their 2019 data as a pre-pandemic baseline. The team will be integrating this work into a larger citywide planning process, deepening their commitment to strategic funding alignment.