

Keeping Kids on the Agenda

**Now is the time!
It doesn't matter what you do...just do something!**

<p>JANUARY</p>	<p>THEME: Election Season is Upon Us! Activity: Know who represents you and who is running for election in your district. Check out “Who Represents You” and the comprehensive candidate list available on the TECEC website at www.tecec.org under the “2006 Elections” section.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY</p>	<p>THEME: Get Organized! Activity: Partner with colleagues and set up meetings with <u>all</u> candidates running for office.</p>
<p>MARCH</p>	<p>THEME: Investing in Children is a Recipe for Economic Success! Activity: Partner with local businesses and corporations in order to raise awareness about the economic benefits of investing in early childhood education.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MARCH 7TH!</p>
<p>APRIL</p>	<p>THEME: Pre-k and School Finance! Activity: As Texas prepares for another special session on school finance, use this opportunity to raise awareness about the connection between high quality early education experiences and later school success.</p>
<p>MAY</p>	<p>THEME: School's Out for Summer! Activity: Partner with parents to raise awareness about the challenges working parents face during the summer months.</p>
<p>JUNE</p>	<p>THEME: Diverse State, Diverse Communities! Activity: The changing face of Texas is important to all of us, so be sure to partner with a variety of groups to raise awareness about the unique and diverse needs of all Texas children.</p>

JULY	THEME: Children are Born Learning! Activity: Partner with pediatricians and other health professionals to raise awareness about the importance that the first five years of a child's life plays in brain development.
AUGUST	THEME: Celebrating the Early Childhood Workforce! Activity: Partner with early childhood education professionals in order to raise awareness about the critical role that professional development can play in high quality early education experiences.
SEPTEMBER	THEME: Grandparents Day! Activity: In honor of all the grandparents providing care during the day and for grandparents raising grandchildren, partner with grandparents and organizations in order to raise awareness of the critical role that kinship care has in early childhood education and development.
OCTOBER	THEME: Crime Prevention Month! Activity: Partner with law enforcement officials in your community in order to raise awareness of the role that high quality early childhood education plays in reducing crime.
NOVEMBER	THEME: Kids Can't Vote, But YOU Can! Activity: VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7TH
DECEMBER	THEME: Seeing is Believing! Activity: Host your elected officials for a tour of a local Child Care, Head Start, or Pre-k classroom.

Thank you for doing your part to propel the early childhood education movement forward as we head into the 80th Legislative Session in 2007.

Each month, TECEC will provide a list of sample activities as well as facts, figures, and additional resources related to each theme and make them available on our website at www.tecec.org.