

Our Mission

Putting science at the center of decisions that affect millions of Texans



WHAT IF...

scarce public resources were invested in programs supported by evidence?



WHAT IF...

policymakers could measure the difference programs make in people's lives?



WHAT IF...

we used science to improve and refine programs serving our communities?

Our Solution

The Texas Policy Lab is a unique academic-government partnership, providing a range of free, unbiased, on-demand research services to agencies across the state.

Program evaluation + Data analyses and dashboards + Review of existing evidence + Data integration + Cost-benefit analyses

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ACTIVE
PROJECTS

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PARTNERS
ACROSS TEXAS

Our Issue Areas

CRIMINAL AND
JUVENILE JUSTICE



EARLY CHILDHOOD AND
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Our Impact

TPL + Institute to Advance Child Care

What if... the broken child care system could be transformed to fully fund high-quality childcare?

TPL is supporting an innovative effort in Tarrant County, the Prime Early Learning pilot, to quantify and fully fund the cost of delivering quality child care in high-need neighborhoods. As the financing model is developed and implemented, the Texas Policy Lab will gather financial data from the experimental group to inform the approach. The framework resulting from this pilot, funded through local American Rescue Plan Act dollars, will transform regional, state and national agencies' ability to reimburse high-quality child care using federal funds.

TPL + Harris County Juvenile Probation Department

What if ... local data drove systems-level change at youth serving agencies?

TPL and HCJPD collaborate to develop an evidence-based approach to meet the needs of justice-involved youth in Harris County. Youth justice leaders and stakeholders in Harris County will be able to make decisions based on a body of rigorous evidence grounded in local data, understand the ways in which the youth justice system affects lives, and develop effective strategies to address racial and other disparities in the system.

TPL + Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

What if ... we understood how a \$470 million federal program affects the trajectory of a child's life?

In the first study of its kind, the TPL is breaking data silos across multiple agencies to understand the costs and benefits of home-based support for children with developmental delays or disabilities. This partnership will generate knowledge that will improve the lives of the nearly 60,000 children and families served by Texas ECI each year.

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