

Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. (ACAM)
Association for Family and Community Integrity, Inc.
Behavioral Health Alliance of Texas
Bering Omega Community Services
Care for Elders
Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
CHILDREN AT RISK
Children's Defense Fund
Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris Co., Inc.
Coalition of Behavioral Health Services
Collaborative for Children
Communities In Schools
Community Family Centers
Community Health Choice, Inc.
Covenant House of Texas
DePelchin Children's Center
Depression & BiPolar Support Alliance Greater Houston (DBSA)
Easter Seals of Greater Houston, Inc.
Family Services of Greater Houston
Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse, Inc.
Good Neighbor Healthcare Center
Greater Houston Healthconnect
Harris County Healthcare Alliance
Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston
Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children
Houston Area Community Services
Houston Area Women's Center
Houston Food Bank
Houston Methodist Hospital
IntraCare Behavioral Health
Jewish Family Service
League of Women Voters Houston
Legacy Community Health, Services Inc.
Lesbian Health Initiative
March of Dimes
Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Mental Health America of Greater Houston
NAMI Greater Houston
National Association of Social Workers-Houston
Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
New Hope Housing, Inc.
Northwest Assistance Ministries
Phoenix Houses of Texas, Inc.
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.
SEARCH Homeless Services
Spaulding for Children
Spring Branch Community Health Center
Springfield College School of Human Services
St. Joseph House
Texas Children's Hospital
Texas Health Institute
Texas Hunger Initiative
The Arc of Greater Houston
The Council on Alcohol & Drugs Houston
The Immunization Partnership
The Living Bank
The Network of Behavioral Health Providers
The Rose
The Walk for Mental Health Awareness-Houston
The Women's Home
United Way of Greater Houston
Vita-Living, Inc.
Wesley Community Center
Worklife Institute
YMCA of Greater Houston



Healthcare *Immunizations/Vaccinations Registry*

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Issue/Concern:

Texas now has a lifespan registry meaning that every Texan can be included in the registry. However, the current opt-in immunization registry system requirement is an inefficient and unnecessary state expense.

Specific Policy Recommendations:

- Increase the efficiency and reduce the cost of the state's immunization registry, ImmTrac;
- Modify the current consent process from an opt-in to an opt-out system.

What Can Be Accomplished?

An opt-out system will cost substantially less and improve participation rates in the state registry.

How Will This Impact State Funding?

This policy is expected to save the state money in programming and implementation costs. Opt-in systems are more costly than opt-out systems.

Supporting Facts/Research Resources:

- ✓ Texas' current opt-in system is a time-intensive, inefficient, and unnecessary state expense. If we consent every infant, child, adolescent, and adult, the state would be spending over \$25 million.
- ✓ Boom, J. A., et al, "Immunization Information System Opt-In Consent: At What Cost?" Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, 2010, 1-8.

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