

Alcohol/Drug Abuse Women's Center  
 Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries of Greater Houston (ACAM)  
 Amerigroup  
 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  
 ChildBuilders  
 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.  
 Gateway to Care  
 Good Neighbor Healthcare Center  
 Greater Houston Healthconnect  
 Gulf Coast CHIP Coalition  
 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 Center for Literacy (formerly Houston READ Commission)  
 Houston Food Bank  
 IntraCare Behavioral Health  
 Jewish Family Service  
 Jewish Federation of Greater Houston  
 KIPP Houston  
 League of Women Voters Houston  
 Legacy Community Health, Services Inc.  
 Lesbian Health Initiative  
 Memorial Hermann Healthcare System  
 Mental Health America of Greater Houston  
 NAMI Gulf Coast  
 NAMI Metropolitan Houston  
 NAMI West Houston, Inc.  
 National Association of Social Workers-Houston  
 Neighborhood Centers, Inc.  
 Neuhaus Education Center  
 New Hope Housing, Inc.  
 Northwest Assistance Ministries  
 Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast  
 Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services  
 Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.  
 SEARCH  
 Spaulding for Children  
 Spring Branch Community Health Center  
 St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities  
 Texans Together Education Fund  
 Texas Children's Hospital  
 Texas Medical Center-Women's Health Network, Inc.  
 The Arc of Greater Houston  
 The Foundation for Hope Village  
 The Immunization Partnership  
 The Methodist Hospital System  
 The Network of Behavioral Health Providers  
 The Non-Profit Housing Corporation of Greater Houston  
 The Rose  
 The Women's Home  
 United Way of Greater Houston  
 Wesley Community Center  
 YMCA of Greater Houston

# One Voice Texas

## A Collaborative for Health & Human Services



### Healthcare: Immunizations/Vaccinations-Meningitis

**Position Statement Approved by One Voice Texas: August 10, 2012**

**Issue/Concern:**

Ensure that the meningitis requirement for college students targets individuals most at risk of contracting the disease.

**Specific Policy Recommendation(s):**

Revise the meningitis vaccine law by eliminating the requirement for students older than 22 to receive the meningitis vaccine.

**How Will This Impact State Funding? What can be Accomplished?**

Due to a decreased number of students needing vaccination, we anticipate there will be less reliance on public sources of the vaccine, resulting in a reduction in cost.

**Others That Support These Recommendations:**

Texas Pediatric Society, Texas Medical Association, Texas Public Health Coalition

**Supporting Facts/Research Resources:**

Eliminating the immunization requirement for students *22 years of age and older* at time of enrollment recognizes that the incidence of meningitis peaks between ages 16 and 21 years and would align the law with CDC age recommendations for the meningitis vaccine. This change would eliminate the vaccine requirement for approximately 160,000 students over the age of 22 years.

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