

2015 Legislative Agenda

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Education is the cornerstone to the success of Texans and must be a priority from birth through college or job training. Denton County's strong economic productivity depends on effective education that produces an employable workforce at a living wage.

EDUCATION

- Provide access to affordable full-day **pre-kindergarten** programming that will prepare children to be school-ready in reading, writing, math and skills to succeed in school and provide earlier detection of mental illness.
- Create effective, quality programming that will **decrease Texas drop-outs**, prepare all students for post-school success, and increase **vocational job training** to create and expand an employable workforce.

HEALTH

- Provide **adequate funding for coordinated mental health services** that are planned, coordinated and monitored for effectiveness at a community level.
- Provide integrated and affordable coverage to the state's uninsured, ensure greater access to coverage through insurance reforms with measurable outcomes, and focus additional resources on primary care, prevention and wellness.

PREDATORY LENDING

- Ensure adequate regulation of payday lenders that provide **protections from aggressive and harmful lending practices** that are negatively impacting scarce community social service resources.

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