

# 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

Texas Children in Nature  
Network



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# ABOUT TCINN

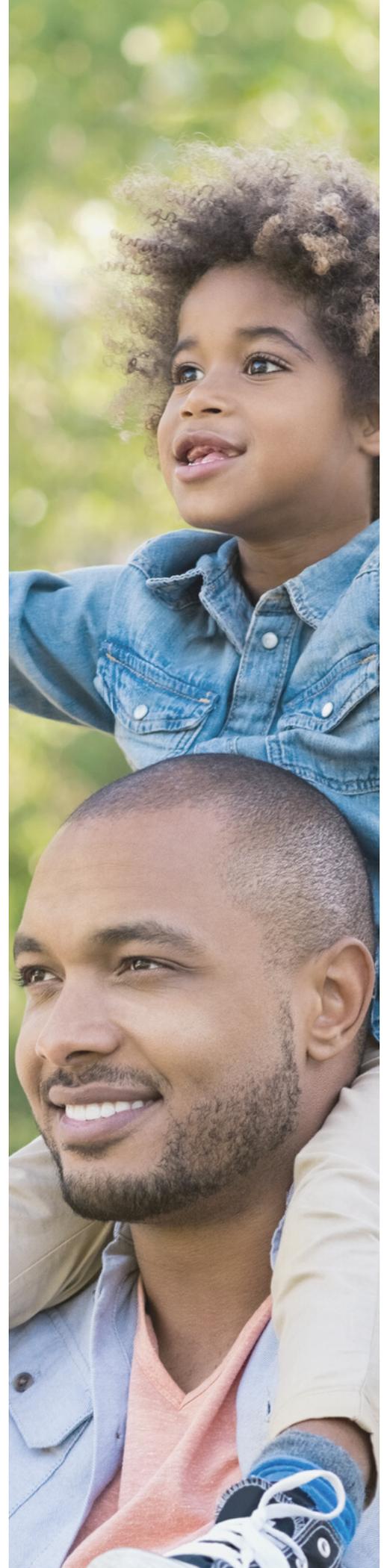
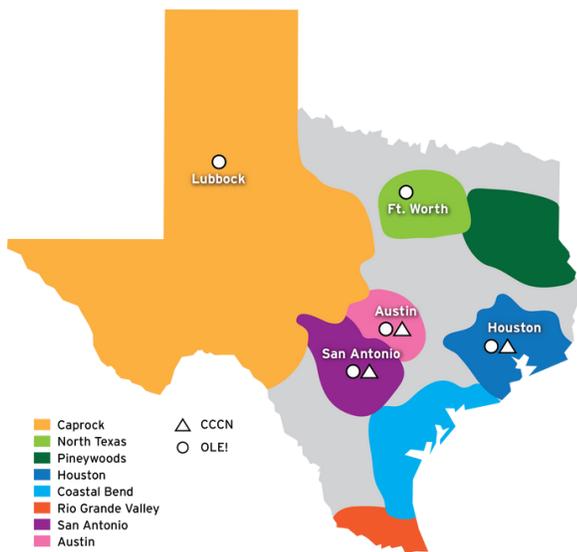
We strengthen and leverage the work of over 600 state and local partners across Texas, working in the health, community development, education, and conservation fields. With our partners we work towards creating equitable access and connection to nature for all children in Texas. Through our partner programming and projects TCiNN engaged over 1 million families in Texas during 2021.

The Texas Children in Nature Network supports the children in nature movement through the sharing of resources, production of an annual summit, and technical support to our partners. With our partners TCiNN has created the strongest nature collaborative in the nation.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the last 2021 we accomplished the following:

- In December we hosted our 2021 Summit, "Inspiring Leaders for a Healthier, Happier, Smarter Texas," at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and Botanical Research Institute for 178 attendees
- Hosted webinars and shared resources for 1500 attendees
- Launched our new strategic plan and partner program - currently have 278 signed on partners
- Received a grant to launch pilot a state cohort for CCCN
- Received funding from DSHS to hire 3 Health and Nature Liaisons
- Started the year with \$46,000 in the bank, ended the year with \$124,000 in the bank
- Provided Technical Assistance to over 100 partners throughout the year



# MAJOR PROJECTS



## CITIES CONNECTING CHILDREN TO NATURE

This initiative is led by the National League of Cities and the Children & Nature Network. CCCN helps city leaders and their partners ensure all children have access to nature. TCiNN works with CCCN cities through serving as a convener with government and non-profit partners. Through our new funding from CCCN we will be looking at how to engage new cities in Texas in this work.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

OLE! Texas transforms early childhood spaces through research inspired landscape designs to increase physical activity and connection with the natural world. TCiNN works with OLE! Texas to convene stakeholders and facilitate professional developments for teachers. TCiNN currently helps support five pilot cities: Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock and San Antonio. There are currently 25 OLE! early childhood centers in Texas, a number expected to grow in 2022.



## WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

TCiNN is sharing best practices and resources with partners and teachers through our series of webinars and workshops. Monthly webinars cover topics such as equity in the outdoors and public health with experts in the field. Teacher workshops are offered throughout the year to help teachers transition to teaching more in the nature spaces on their campuses. In 2021 TCiNN hosted 14 webinars with a total of 1500 viewers.

## ANNUAL SUMMIT

Every year TCiNN hosts a gathering of leaders across the state. During this three-day Summit, TCiNN brings together health, education, built environment, faith and conservation community leaders to shape an even brighter future for the children of Texas. TCiNN convenes thought leaders to strengthen the network and develop opportunities and policies that will connect more children and families with nature. Our Summit in 2021 engaged 178 partners and raised \$27,000

