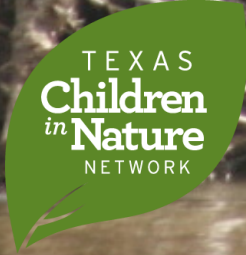


A photograph of two young boys climbing a large, weathered log in a forest. The boy on the left is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark shorts, holding a stick. The boy on the right is wearing a blue tank top and blue shorts, climbing barefoot. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage.

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

Texas Children in Nature
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ABOUT TCINN

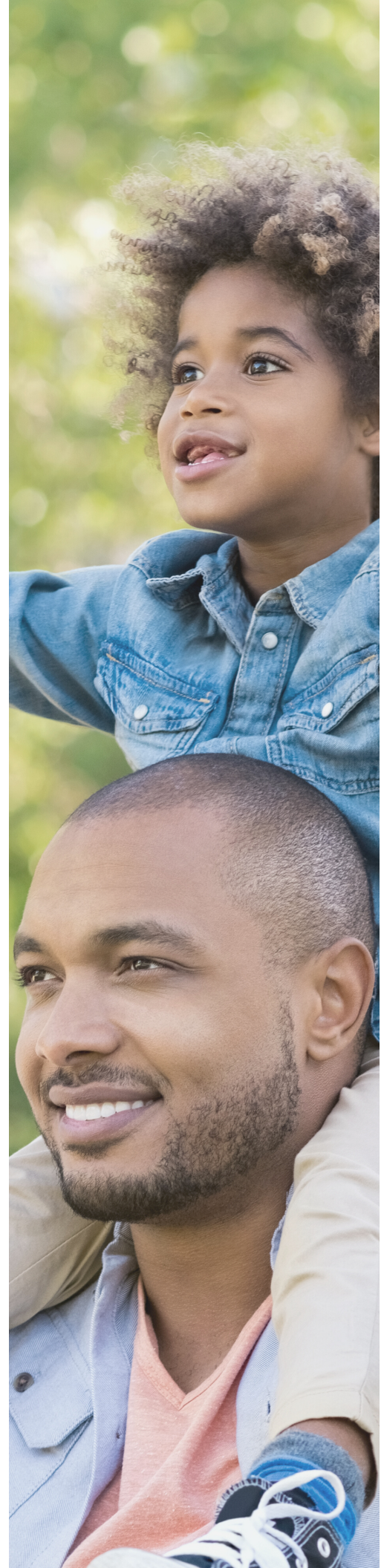
We strengthen and leverage the work of over 700 state and local partners across Texas, working in the health, community development, education, and conservation fields. With our partners we work towards creating equitable access and connection to nature for all children in Texas. Through our partner programming and projects TCiNN engaged over **3 million families** in Texas during 2022.

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 statewide nature collaborative in the nation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2022 we accomplished the following:

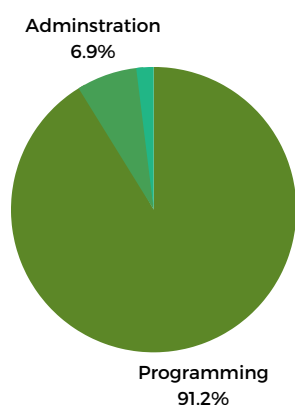
- In December we hosted our 2022 Summit, "Opening the Doors to Nature for All," at AT&T Conference Center at the University of Texas at Austin for 290 attendees
- Hosted webinars and shared resources for 1799 attendees
- Hosted the first Texas Cities Connecting Children to Nature All-Site Meeting in Houston this fall
- Hired three Health and Nature Liaisons to work in the Rio Grande Valley, North Texas, and Gulf Coast regions of Texas. They are working on coalition building and developing initiatives to engage more children and families in nature - including a nature backpack lending program in partnership with libraries in the Valley
- Launched the new Heart of Texas regional collaborative
- Started the year with \$124,000 in the bank, ended the year with \$149,000 in the bank
- Provided Technical Assistance to over 100 partners throughout the year



THE FIGURES

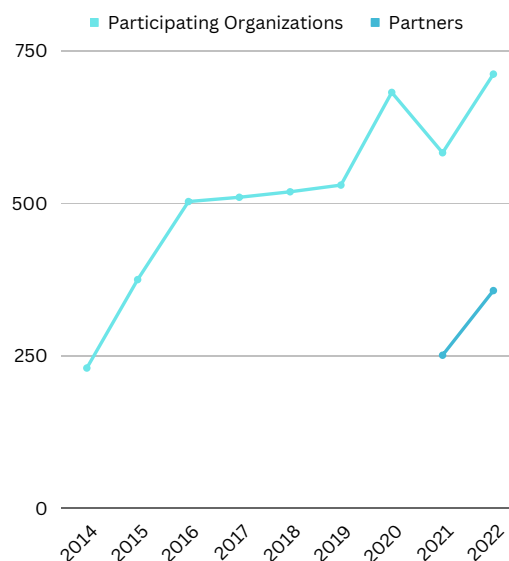
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GROWTH OF PARTNERSHIPS

Collaboration across the state is growing

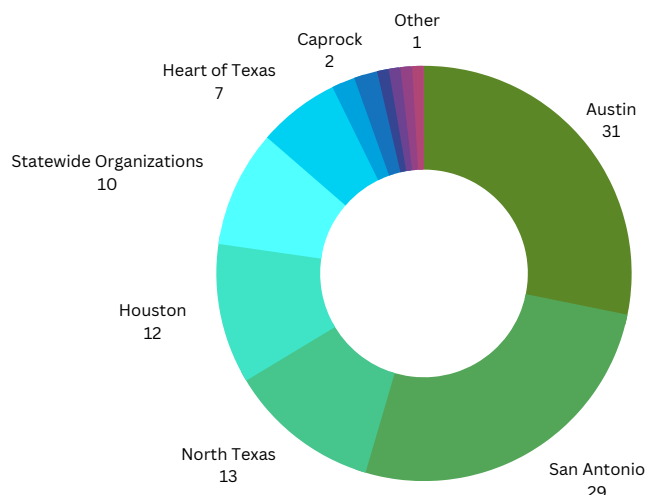


GRANTS WE RECEIVED IN 2022

- Department of State Health Services - Community Conversations on Health - \$275,000
- Shield Ayres Foundation - \$15,000
- Cities Connecting Children to Nature - Regional State Nature Cohort - \$10,000
- National Environmental Education Foundation - Public Lands Day - \$2,000

TECHINICAL ADVICE VISITS BY REGION

Where we provided support this 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. This year two Texas Communities joined the Early Education Cohort of CCCN - Fort Worth and Houston

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. In 2022 we helped to launch our first statewide cohort with the help of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children. Several of our partners have participated in this cohort We are looking forward to expanding this reach in the coming year.



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 teach more in the nature spaces on their campuses. In 2022 TCiNN hosted 20 webinars with a total of 1799 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 2022 engaged 290 partners and raised \$55,000



HEALTH AND NATURE LIASONS



This program is part of a federal grant from the CDC to address health disparities in Texas. Through the grant TCiNN will collaborate with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and AgriLife as well as other local health agencies to address health inequities in Texas communities by increasing their access to nature. They are working in three Areas of Texas to work towards making Nature a Health Strategy - big audacious goal is to have parents think of nature as one of the top things they can engage with for healthy kids

NORTH TEXAS

Our Health and Nature Liaison in North Texas, Jenny Larios, has made the following accomplishments:

- Established 100 new partnerships in the region
- Fostered valuable relationships with local health departments
- Reached 13,000 families at outreaches in the region



GULF COAST

Our Health and Nature Liaison in the Gulf Coast, Robyn Kebede, has made the following accomplishments:

- Hosted a Heath in Nature Event along with the National Environmental Education Foundation and Texas A&M Forest Service for Public Lands Day
- Promoted OLE! Texas in the region
- Fosters 16 new relationships
- Reached 320 families during outreaches

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Our Health and Nature Liaison in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Marisa Oliva, has made the following accomplishments:

- Received funding from Driscoll Health Systems to launch a nature backpack lending program that will be available starting in March 2023
- Fosters 50 new relationships
- Reached 300 families during outreaches





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2022 SUMMIT

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