



Jason, Gabby,  
Luz and Camilla

# PREPARING YOUNG CHILDREN

## Meet Gabby and Jason

Gabby and Jason want their daughters to have a strong early childhood education. When their daughter, Luz, was affected by the pandemic, they enrolled her in a kinder camp. With the help of United Way, Luz was able to thrive and be ready for kindergarten.

Quality early childhood education is one challenge parents like Gabby and Jason face in Bexar County. Other barriers may include lack of affordable child care, lack of access to prenatal care or domestic violence.

**3,400+**  
children

were confirmed  
victims of abuse  
or neglect

**62%**  
of child care seats

do not meet  
quality standards

**2 in 3**  
children

are not fully ready  
for kindergarten

## OUR IMPACT



**722** children

are at a lower risk to  
experience child abuse



**348** child care seats

are improved in quality



**1,071** children

are receiving better  
support services

Our **Ready Children Impact Area** connects people to services that address domestic violence, increases parent knowledge about child development milestones and emotional needs, helps early childhood education centers achieve Texas Rising Star certification and provides kinder-readiness programs to help young children reach their full potential.

Together, we are working to:

- Increase prenatal care for at-risk mothers
- Reduce the number of child abuse victims
- Increase availability of quality early childhood education
- Ensure children are ready for kindergarten



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Learn how Gabby, Jason and others  
were impacted by United Way.

