

A FORT BEND FAMILY HANDBOOK

Your family. Your voice.

What the proposed end of the Children's Autism Program means for you, and how to make sure your lawmakers hear your story.

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Here's what you need to know, and what you can do.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has proposed ending the Children's Autism Program (CAP) in the state's next budget. CAP helps families pay for applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy. Costs are reduced based on family income and insurance, and some families pay nothing.

CLOSE TO HOME

\$1,002,940

to Texana Center in Fort Bend County

In HHSC's 2025 CAP grant awards, that was the largest of 16 grants statewide, and Texana serves families right here in Fort Bend County. If CAP ends, many local families could lose their most affordable path to ABA therapy.

What you need to know

Aug 2027

Nothing changes right now. Families currently in CAP keep their services through August 2027.

Jan 2027

Lawmakers decide. The Texas Legislature writes the budget when it convenes January 12, 2027.

1,000+

The need is real. At least 1,000 Texas children are already on CAP waitlists, according to providers.

How Hope For Three can help

If your child receives CAP services or is on a waitlist, please reach out. Our Family Assistance and Resource Support (FARS) team can help by guiding you to resources and offering assistance.

Call 281-245-0640 familyassistance@hopeforthree.org

Your story matters

Your state representative and state senator work for you, and they want to hear from the families they serve. If CAP or ABA therapy has made a difference for your child, a short note from you can help them understand what this program means. It takes about five minutes.

- 1 Find your lawmakers** at wrm.capitol.texas.gov. Type in your home address.
- 2 Email or call** their district office.
- 3 Start with:** "I live in [your city] and I'm your constituent."
- 4 Share your story in three sentences:** who your child is, how therapy helped, and what losing it would mean.
- 5 Close with:** "Please keep the Children's Autism Program funded in the 2028-2029 state budget."

You don't need to be an expert or say anything political. Just tell them about your child.

Who to contact

Contact your own state senator and state representative. Fort Bend County is split among several districts, so confirm yours first by typing in your home address.

Find yours: wrm.capitol.texas.gov

State senators serving Fort Bend County

Senator	District	Capitol phone	Closest district office
Joan Huffman (R)	SD 17	(512) 463-0117	16010 Barkers Point Ln, Ste 265, Houston (281) 497-2450
Lois Kolkhorst (R)	SD 18	(512) 463-0118	22310 Grand Corner Dr, Ste 120, Katy (281) 394-5610
Borris Miles (D)	SD 13	(512) 463-0113	2440 Texas Parkway, Ste 110, Missouri City (281) 261-2360

State representatives serving Fort Bend County

Representative	District	Capitol phone	District office
Matt Morgan (R)	HD 26	(512) 463-0710	Call the Capitol office
Ron Reynolds (D)	HD 27	(512) 463-0494	2440 Texas Parkway, Ste 102, Missouri City (281) 208-3574
Gary Gates (R)	HD 28	(512) 463-0657	Call the Capitol office
Suleman Lalani (D)	HD 76	(512) 463-0596	12550 Emily Court, Ste 300, Sugar Land (281) 494-0151
Stan Kitzman (R)	HD 85	(512) 463-0604	One East Main, Ste 202, Bellville (979) 865-4560

All House seats are on the November 3, 2026 ballot, so some representatives may change in January. Rep. Stan Kitzman (HD 85) serves until January 2027; HD 85 will have a new representative after that. The lookup tool always shows the current member. Contact information verified October 2026.

Tell your story

Nobody can tell your family's story better than you. Jot down a few notes here, then use them for your email or phone call.

My state senator

My state representative

Phone or email

Phone or email

My story in three sentences

1. Who my child is

2. How therapy helped

3. What losing it would mean for our family

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WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT

We have walked beside Texas and Fort Bend families since 2010, and we're not going anywhere. You won't face this alone.

With you every step,

Darla Farmer, Founder & CEO

Hope For Three Autism Advocates

Want to go further?

These leaders shape the state budget. Reaching out to them is optional. Your own two lawmakers matter most.

1. **Sen. Joan Huffman**, Chair of Senate Finance, who also represents part of Fort Bend · (512) 463-0117
2. **House Appropriations Committee**, which writes the House budget · chairs expected early in the 2027 session
3. **Gov. Greg Abbott** · gov.texas.gov/contact · opinion line (800) 843-5789
4. **Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick** · ltgov.texas.gov/contact · (512) 463-5342
5. **Speaker Dustin Burrows** · house.texas.gov/speaker · (512) 463-1000

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