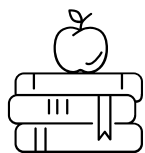


TACKLING THE CAUSES OF HUNGER

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) is also focusing on two local strategic priorities that impact our neighbors facing food insecurity across its 13-county service area.

Through listening sessions with partner agencies, community stakeholders, and neighbors facing food insecurity, TAFB has identified these key solutions to tackle these challenges. In collaboration with local partners, TAFB has prioritized these strategies as solutions that can significantly reduce hunger and improve community well-being. Texas lawmakers can play a critical role in this effort by supporting legislation to:

Increase Access to Nutrition-Focused Healthcare:



Hunger and health are deeply connected. Individuals facing food insecurity are more likely to experience diet-related illnesses and associated costs, and face barriers to accessing care to improve their health. The Tarrant Area Food Bank currently partners with local healthcare systems to alleviate hunger and improve health by providing nutritious food to neighbors facing diet-related illnesses through its Food Rx program and Medically Tailored Meals.

Expand Access to Affordable Childcare



Provide working families with access to quality childcare, freeing resources for other essential needs like food. Tarrant Area Food Bank is currently developing its Ready to Learn™ Community Resource Center for neighbors facing food insecurity to access resources that address additional causes of hunger, including providing affordable childcare for families facing food insecurity.

Tarrant Area Food Bank also recognizes that hunger is closely connected to other legislative topics that may be addressed such as the food and agriculture system, housing affordability, financial security, transportation and mobility. Legislation addressing these areas can help reduce hunger and strengthen communities.