

A Resolution

NO. _____

ENDORISING ACES TASK FORCE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT BLUEPRINT

WHEREAS, the aim of the ACEs Task Force is to prevent and reduce adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prenatally to age 5, the most critical period for brain development, to improve health, safety and school readiness; and

WHEREAS, research findings, across all demographics, show that children who live with adversities suffer much higher rates of chronic health conditions, child abuse and neglect, lower educational and adult success and lower life expectancy across their lives; and

WHEREAS, when families are raising young children through challenging times or serious adversities, life can quickly become overwhelming and affect their child's potential; and

WHEREAS, the ACEs Task Force and more than 60 Tarrant area leaders developed **Circles of Support Prenatal to 5: A Tarrant County Blueprint for Raising Safe, Healthy and School-Ready Children** by combining decades of ACEs research, national recommendations, and local expertise. Circles of Support values family voice and provides leaders, service providers and neighbors with a starting place for how to best partner with families through hardship and trauma toward stability, healing and a bright future; and

WHEREAS, the **Circles of Support Prenatal to 5 Blueprint** highlights 25 priority actions to support families through difficult times in order to prevent or reduce trauma and protect well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT the **Circles of Support Prenatal to 5 Blueprint** be endorsed in support of every family's hope that our children grow and succeed to their fullest potential in a community of compassion, equity, cultural acceptance, and trust.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2019.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary Kayser, City Secretary