



# HOUSTON CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS



## RIGHT : ACCESS TO SHADE

*Children have the right to adequate shade in the outdoors.*

**Shade is important for equity and child development because it promotes health, safety, inclusivity, and environmental awareness. It ensures that all children have equal access to safe and comfortable outdoor spaces.**



Hear the **impact** of access to shade from Houston youth.



**Trees for Houston** provides applications for tree requests and hosts tree give-aways.



Learn about the City of Houston's goal to plant **4.6 million** native trees by 2030



Houston's **Arboretum & Nature Center** hosts kid-friendly activities and provides plenty of shaded outdoor recreation.

## ACCESS TO SHADE BENEFITS

- Shade is especially important to those who navigate Houston on foot or by public transit, which is why access to shade is part of the City of Houston's **Climate Action Plan**
- The **American Forests** initiative study shows that, on average, in neighborhoods where most residents live in poverty, there's 25% less tree canopy than those where less of the residents are in poverty.
- In cities across the U.S., healthy trees prevent roughly **1,200 heat-related deaths** and many more heat-related illnesses each year. Heat kills more people than any other type of extreme weather.

