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BakerRipley Child Care Services Team and Contacts

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BakerRipley Child Care Services Team and Contacts

Topics/Questions	Contact Information
Parent Inquires - parents are interested in services, want to sign up for waitlist, need changes, etc.	austinccs@wfscapitalarea.com
<u>Finance Team</u> - questions about payments, missing dates, full time/blended amounts, etc.	ccsfinance@wfscapitalarea.com
Provider Services - updated your DOSS, attendance, holidays, etc.	ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com
Quality Initiatives - want to become a TRS provider, have questions about the process, PPR distribution, training, etc.	<u>ccsquality@wfscapitalarea.com</u>
Local Referral Partners – send in referral, become a referral partner, etc.	ccslocalreferral@wfscapitalarea.com



Outreach and Enrollment

- Currently Pulling from the waitlist and outreaching to parents for potential enrollments
 - 4 Waves of Outreach to 1,767 children over the past 2 months (588 last week)
 - Currently received 129 applications for service (from Waves 1 -3)
 - There are just over 700 children on the waitlist currently
- Have a very low response rate (around 11% for the first 3 waves of outreach responded with applications)
- Let Parents Know that we are Enrolling
 - Please inform parents that we are enrolling and encourage them to complete a waitlist application
 - For parents that are already on the waitlist, please remind them to gather/prepare all of their paperwork



Local Referring Partners

- Quality Rated Center can also become a Local Referring Partner
 - Must complete an agreement and an orientation
 - For parents in your center or on your waitlist, a referral may be submitted to us.
 - If you are not currently signed up, please email <u>ccslocalreferral@wfscapitalarea.com</u>
- Local Referring Partners is Priority 3
 - We must outreach priority 1 and 2 first and then priority 3
 - Please prescreen for potential eligibility
 - Reside in Travis County.
 - Have a child/children under the age of 13 or 19 if a child with disabilities that needs child care.
 - Working/Training/In School at the minimum of 25 hours a week for a single-parent home and 50 hours a week for a 2-parent home.
 - Be within income guidelines no greater than 85% of State Median Income
- Send your referrals to <u>ccslocalreferral@wfscapitalarea.com</u>





Provider Updates and Reminders

- <u>Updated DOSS</u> in the process of collected updated DOSSs from all providers
 - If you have not completed, please sign and send back. If you have not seen an updated DOSS in your inbox, please email <u>ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com</u>
- <u>Attendance</u> continue to submit attendance manually even if using the CCAA machine
 - There are no updates about how long we will be continuing manual attendance recording.
- <u>Keep us Informed</u>— please let us know if a child will not be returning, if a child does not attend 3 days in a row without parent contact, you are closing due to COVID, etc.
 - Please email <u>ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com</u> with any changes.
- <u>School Age</u> referrals for providers providing full day care when schools go to remote only
 - We are continuing to process any changes that have been received from parents or providers.
 - Will need documentation from the school district stating that they are moving to virtual only
- <u>Payment Review</u> with each payment, please review your payment record to ensure that all is correct (for example, school agers attending full time)
 - If not correct, please contact us so we can address the situation <u>ccsfinance@wfscapitalarea.com</u>



Quality Initiatives Update

- Health and Safety Supplies Distribution
 - 181 Providers, Serving 7,074 children
- Training Opportunities Posted
 - 2020-21 Training Calendar now posted on our Website (<u>www.wfscapitalarea.com</u>)
- Jeanette Watson Wage Supplement
 - Retention tool to supplement wages for teachers/directors
 - Education Level Obtained
 - Years of Service as a Teacher/Director
 - Priority will be given to those Centers that have 10 or more children from CCS and working at Texas Rising Stars programs.
 - The application will be ready soon on our website and due by January 29th, 2021
 - CCS will be sending out an email once the application is available to all providers.





Input Requested

- Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is developing the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-2024. The CCDF State Plan will outline the policies, strategies and vision for the child care program, including the subsidy program and Texas Rising Star.
- We need to hear from YOU! To develop the 2022-2024 CCDF State Plan, TWC is seeking input from child care providers, parents, and other stakeholders across Texas.
- Please complete our <u>Stakeholder Survey</u> to give us your opinion and indicate if you would like to participate in the Child Care Provider Virtual Focus Group. We encourage you to share the survey link with other child care stakeholders including child care and early learning professionals, parents, advocates, and employers.
- The Virtual Focus Group will be held from 6:30 PM 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 16th. Space in the focus group will be limited to maximize participation. Details will be sent following the completion of the survey.
- The survey is available until December 15, 2020 at: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXStatePlan</u>

