

Provider Updates

- Outreach and Enrollment - We are continuing to outreach families and enroll them. Please continue to help spread the word to families that are in need of childcare scholarships.
- Reporting Absences - All providers are asked to report each time that a child has 5 consecutive absences. This is done online, link in chat. Please connect with parents and encourage regular attendance.
- Child Care Relief Funding- The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has approved \$790 million dollars in provider grants. The grant process began on June 11th with providers receiving an email. If you need help completing the application process, please email Texas@ECEBizCoach.org
- Childcare Regulation - CCR is hosting a series of stakeholder meetings. The link will be posted in chat to sign up and participate.

Child Care Relief Fund Information

Attention Center & Home-Based Child Care Providers

Don't miss out on Child Care Relief Funds

FROM JUNE 11, 2021 TO JULY 11, 2021

Child care businesses are critical for Texas' economy. However, almost all child care businesses were hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic, with many going out of business or now operating under stress.

To help our child care businesses recover from the Pandemic, the Texas Workforce Commission is launching a Child Care Relief Fund and will accept applications from June 11, 2021 to July 11, 2021.

**To receive the Child Care Relief Fund
your child care business must be:**

- 1 A licensed or registered child care center or home;
- 2 Open and operating in Texas as of May 1, 2021; and
- 3 Not currently on a **corrective or adverse action** with Texas Health and Human Services Commission Child Care Regulation.

Also, the Texas Workforce Commission will provide FREE business coaching all year, including assistance with your application for the Child Care Relief Funds.

If you have any questions or need help, don't hesitate to reach out to the coaching team at Texas@ECEBizCoach.org (if possible, please include your license or operation number).



Childcare for Essential Workers

- Workforce Solutions recently received funding to provide childcare for children of Essential Workers in the following categories:
 - Childcare Industry (teachers, caregivers, etc.)
 - Education (teachers, support staff, bus drivers, etc.)
 - Pharmacy and Healthcare Workers
 - First Responders
 - Critical Infrastructure (Grocery, Utilities, Trucking, etc.)
 - Other Infrastructure Workers (State and Local Government, Mail/Deliver Services, Banking, Gas Stations, Military, Restaurant and other Food Delivery, etc.)
- Care must be provided at a TRS Quality Rated Center.
- Families must live in the City of Austin, meet the income guidelines, and have at least one parent working in a category above.
- Please share the interest form with any families or staff that may be interested.

Maximum Gross (Pre-Tax) Income to Participate	
Household Size	Yearly Income
2	\$63,300
3	\$71,200
4	\$79,100
5	\$85,450
6	\$91,800
7	\$98,100
8	\$104,450

Quality Initiatives

- Training Opportunities Posted
 - 2020-21 Training Calendar posted on our Website (www.wfscapitalarea.com)
 - A few upcoming trainings:
 - 6/29- Cooperative Learning Components
 - 7/17 - Early Identification
 - 7/30 - Building Children's Capacity for Self-Regulation: Strategies & Games
- Texas Rising Star Providers
 - Please join us at our monthly TRS Director Meetings on the first Thursday of the month from 12-2pm or 6-8pm.
 - Our next TRS Director Meetings will be held on July 1st
 - Category Trainings are being offered quarterly.
- Back to School Symposium in August!

