



## Provider Advisory Meeting Minutes

August 26, 21

**Workforce Solutions Capital Area Board staff introductions and Baker Ripley staff introductions.**

**No announcements at this time.**

**Quinton Buckley with BakerRipley present:**

- Outreach and Enrollment Update—We are slowly outreaching new families from the priority groups for CCDF childcare. There are other opportunities for enrollment such as Essential Worker and Service Industry Recovery childcare, for families that qualify.
- Reporting Absences—All providers are asked to report each time that a child has 5 consecutive absences. This is done online, link to report: [https://wfscapitalareacom-xzivj.formstack.com/forms/providers\\_submit\\_excessive\\_absences](https://wfscapitalareacom-xzivj.formstack.com/forms/providers_submit_excessive_absences)
- Childcare Relief Funding—The deadline to utilize funds has been extended, however, applications are no longer being accepted. If you need help or have questions, please email [Texas@ECEBizCoach.org](mailto:Texas@ECEBizCoach.org)
- 2022 Calendars—We are currently in the process of collecting 2022 calendars from each provider in order for you to indicate your holidays and dates of closure. The process is slightly different this year. We are sending out a blank calendar and you will circle the days you would like to be paid for and put an “x” through the days that you will be closed and be unpaid. If you have any questions or need anything, please email [ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com](mailto:ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com)
- Childcare for Service Industry Recovery—TWC recently approved funding to provide 12 months of childcare for Service Industry Recovery (please see PowerPoint for details on eligibility requirements). There will be no parent share of cost and once care ends after the 12 months the parent must reapply for regular childcare if they want to continue to receive services.
- Quality Initiatives Update—training opportunities are posted and live. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/workforce-solutions-capital-area-17751711191> TRS Directors Meeting every month. Next meeting will be held on September 2. Category trainings are being offered quarterly. Parent Training Series will be held August 25-September 15 and will be held during lunch and at night to accommodate as many parents as possible. Please share the link with your families <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/workforce-solutions-capital-area-17751711191>
- BakerRipley Staff Updates and Leadership Team Introductions—Please see PowerPoint for contact information  
**\*\*PowerPoint Presentation attached**
- Poll: Should we continue to have this meeting monthly or go back to quarterly?  
\*almost everyone voted to keep the meetings monthly

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**Open Discussion:**

- Davida C—will application be available for the SIR program? Yes, we are hoping to have the application as well as a flyer out some time next week.
- Davida C—Essential Workers question, the SIR program has examples of jobs and careers listed—do we have that for Essential Workers as well? It was shared a few meetings ago and we can circulate that back around.
- Chuck C—some families are saying that it's a longer waitlist for general CCS funding, will there be more funding? Yes, there will be additional funding, but we are waiting on performance target numbers first.
- Chuck C—will there be another reimbursement rate increase? We are anticipating another rate increase for the next contract year, but TWC has not released that information yet. When they do we will be sure to share the information with providers.
- Davida C—are referrals for CoC still being accepted? Yes, we are and if families meet the criteria, they are Priority Group 3.
- Davida C—is there a type of class that providers need to take in order to be a part of CoC? Yes, a class will be coming in the near future, but providers that are already in the system for CoC continue to send referrals as usual.
- Loretta J—is there more relief funding coming in the Fall? There is no new information at this time, but if we hear anything we will share with providers.

**Next Meeting: September 30, 2021**