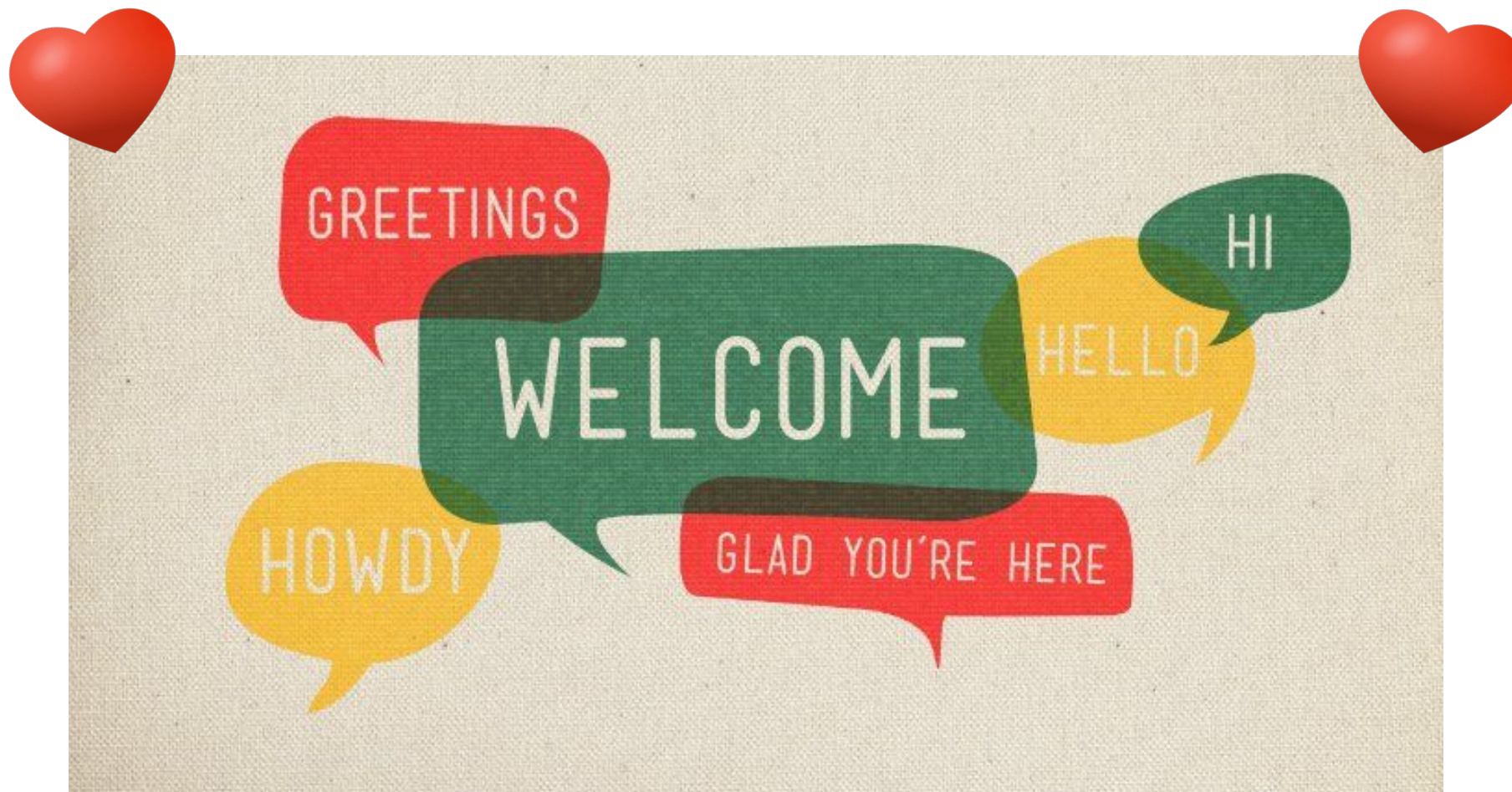


# February Provider Advisory Council Meeting



# Early Learning Program Updates

- Send in your Availability - If you have spaces available at your program, email the age and number of spaces to [ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com](mailto:ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com) so we can help connect families looking for care to your program.
- Reporting Absences - All programs are asked to report each time that a child has 5 consecutive absences.
- Provider Referral/Payment Reminders-
  - The next Provider Referral emails will go out this week. Please review the email once received to confirm all children are referred correctly.

\*Reminder: Children referred to your program at a blended rate will not change over spring break.



## 5 Day Consecutive Absences Report

Provider Name \*

License Number \*

Name of Person Submitting Form \*

First Name

Last Name





# Waitlist Status now available on our website!

## For Parents

Our Child Care Services team supports families with affordable, high-quality child care options. **We award child care scholarships** to eligible families in Travis County. We connect you with over 400 early learning programs and you get to choose the one that best fits your family's needs.

GET STARTED!

WAITLIST STATUS

Enrollment status	Current <i>estimated</i> waitlist time	Our last enrollment outreach
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>3–6 months</b>	<b>12/12/22</b>
We are actively outreaching parents from our waitlist for enrollment	The estimated amount of time before we outreach you for enrollment	Customers placed on our waitlist through <b>11/07/22</b> were contacted

# Added support for parents not meeting eligibility for Child Care Services

- **Are you a resident of Travis County?**

- **NOTE:** If you are not a resident of Travis County, you most likely need to direct your interest to Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area Child Care Services, serving Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, or Williamson counties.

# Added support for parents not meeting eligibility for Child Care Services

- **Are you: a) a single parent working or in training/school at least 25 hours per week, OR b) a two parent household with both parents working or in training/school a combination of at least 50 hours per week?**
  - **NOTE:** If you are currently not meeting our participation requirements (a or b above), you may qualify for our Initial Job Search (the section below) that allows you to receive a child care scholarship for 90 days to allow you time to find work.



# Added support for parents not meeting eligibility for Child Care Services

- **Is your gross monthly/yearly income at or below the amounts listed on the chart by family size?**
  - **TIP:** Family size includes parents and all children in the household.
  - **NOTE:** If your household income exceeds our income guidelines, you may be eligible for a child care scholarship for Essential Workers. Review our Essential Worker scholarship eligibility guidelines in the tab below.

# Child Care for Essential Workers (City of Austin)

- Workforce Solutions received funding from the City of Austin and CDBG to provide child care for children of Essential Workers in the following categories:
  - Child care 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.)
- **Families living in Travis County (outside of the COA full purpose boundary),** meet the income guidelines, have a child under the age of 5 and have at least one parent working in a category above. Families living in the COA full purpose boundary may enroll children under 13 years of age.
- Families must select a TRS quality rated center with this program.
- Program will be ending soon!

Maximum Gross (Pre-Tax) Income to Participate	
Household Size	Yearly Income
2	\$70,600
3	\$79,450
4	\$88,250
5	\$95,350
6	\$102,400
7	\$109,450
8	\$116,550

Cohort invitations going out soon!



WFS Capital Area Mentors will help you achieve TRS Certification by supporting you through evaluation and enhancement of your **Procedures** while building **Relationships** based on **Equity** and developmentally appropriate **Practice**.

Early Learning Programs will be invited to a cohort based on survey response, eligibility, interest, permit type, program size, and mentor availability. Please email questions to [wfs.trs@wfscapitalarea.com](mailto:wfs.trs@wfscapitalarea.com).







Director Training:  
Friday, March 10  
10:00am – 2:00pm



Texas ITSN  
Website



Teacher Training:  
Saturday, March 11  
10:00am – 12:30pm

# TXAEYC Austin 2023 Annual Conference



**When: Saturday, February 25th, 2023**

**Where: Region 13 Education services Center, Austin TX**

**Registration deadline is February 20th!**

**No on-site registration will be available**

Find out more information on their website: [https://www.texasaeyc.org/about\\_us/local\\_chapters/austin\\_chapter](https://www.texasaeyc.org/about_us/local_chapters/austin_chapter)

# Roadmap to Success: A Resource for Newly Licensed/Registered Child Care Program

- The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and Child Care Regulation (CCR) have developed a “Roadmap to Success” desk aid to assist newly licensed/registered child care programs in Texas.
- The Roadmap and Pit Stops are great reminders to experience child care programs of the many resources and agencies that are available to support their businesses.



Find the roadmap here: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ccr-roadmap-to-success.pdf>



# Texas Public Broadcasting System and Sesame Street in Communities Resources



Early childhood educators are making a difference each day by helping children and families grow smarter, stronger, and kinder. With that in mind, Sesame Workshops has created Sesame Street in Communities to support you in this critical work.

- Here you will find hundred of bilingual multimedia rolls to help children and families enrich and expand their knowledge.
- These resources engage children and adults in everyday moments and daily routines to encourage families to eat nutritious foods, to discussing serious topics such as divorce and food insecurity.
- Visit their website to create a free account and access free professional development courses and resources!



**Me want resources!**



# Free Texas Annual Training Available Now!

In partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Promoting Early Education Quality program is offering a suite of twelve online courses, aligned with the annual professional development requirements from Minimum Standards, for **FREE** for early childhood professionals in Texas.

Trainees can earn up to 20 clock hours via the Texas Annual Training category on the AgriLife Learning Platform.

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# Family-Based Child Care Program Supports

United Way for Greater Austin will support Family-Based Child Care Programs (FBCC) in becoming licensed and/or participating in the Texas Rising Star (TRS) program.

- **Applications are limited to home based child care businesses operating in Travis County.**
- FBCCs that care for children from families who are low income can apply for grants of up to \$2,000.

Priority in awards will be given to:

- Assisting FBCC programs in overcoming barriers to become licensed, registered, or listed.
- Programs participating in AVANCE's Quality Child Care Matters Program or GAVA's ParentChild+ cohort will be prioritized.
- Providers who are not participating in one of these programs are eligible to apply if they have completed the pre-application training with Child Care Regulations.
- Assisting FBCC programs not yet rated to earn a Texas Rising Star quality rating by improving their program with any of the following: curriculum or learning materials, technology (hardware or software), furniture, or other equipment.
- Programs participating in AVANCE's Quality Child Care Matters Program or GAVA's ParentChild+ cohort will be prioritized.
- Assisting FBCC programs seeking to maintain or increase a Texas Rising Star rating, **if funding is available.**

## Timeline

- Application Opens: February 13, 2023
- Application Closes: March 13, 2023
- Decision Notifications: April 3, 2023






# Training Opportunities

- Check out our Eventbrite Page and never miss a training!
  - 2022-23 Training Calendar available on Eventbrite now!
  - Upcoming Trainings posted through February for registration including:
    - TRS Category Trainings (offered quarterly in English and Spanish)
    - Keeping the Ship Afloat - Applying LeaderSHIP (February 28th, Zoom)
    - TRS Orientation (March 9th, Zoom)
- Texas Rising Star Programs
  - Our TRS Director Meetings will continue in March. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 2nd, at 12:00pm and 6:00pm.
  - TRS Programs: Site Date Forms Due Soon!
- Be on the lookout for our monthly CPR/ First Aid classes!



**CPR/ First Aid  
Monthly!**



**Texas**   
**Rising Star**

# BakerRipley Child Care Services Team and Contacts

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