



Provider Advisory Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023

Workforce Solutions Capital Area Board and BakerRipley staff introductions.

Announcements: None

Logan DeCleene with BakerRipley present:

- **Send in Your Availability**—if you have spaces available at your program, email to age and number of spaces to ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com so we can help connect families looking for care to your program.
- **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://wfscapitalarea.com-xzivj.formstack.com/forms/providers_submit_excessive_absences. Please connect with parents and encourage regular attendance. Complete the form for each family you are reporting.
- **Provider Referral/Payment Reminders**—the provider referral emails went out last 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.
- **Waitlist Status Now Available on Our Website**—we now have our enrollment status and current estimated waitlist time listed on our website for parents to see.
- **Added Support for Parents Not Meeting Eligibility for Child Care Services**—tips and notes are now listed on our website for parents to guide them if they are not meeting eligibility criteria to receive services (see slides for examples).
- **Child Care for Essential Workers (City of Austin)**—meet the income guidelines, have child under the age of 5 and have at least one parent working in a category above (see slides). 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. Providers are asked to provide true attendance for any child enrolled in this program. You will be asked to submit attendance on a monthly basis. Link to Interest Form: https://wfscapitalarea.com-xzivj.formstack.com/forms/childcare_for_essential_workers interest. The program will be ending soon!
- **Texas Rising Star PREP**—Cohort Invitations will be going out soon; WFS Capital Area Mentors will help you achieve TRS Certification by supporting you through evaluation and enhancement of our **Procedures** while building **Relationships** based on **Equity** and developmentally appropriate **Practice**. All Capital Area Entry Level Designated programs are encouraged to complete the following Survey: <https://forms.gle/KKTuGKKioJd5ERxU9>
- **Texas Infant Toddler ITSN Specialist Network ROADSHOW**—March 10-11, 2023. Register here:
 - Director registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-infant-toddler-specialist-network-for-directors-tickets-511809575217>



- Teacher registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-infant-toddler-specialist-network-for-teachers-tickets-511816174957>
- **TXAEYC Annual Conference**—February 25, 2023, registration has closed.
- **Roadmap to Success: A Resource for Newly Licensed/Registered Child Care Programs**—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. Find the roadmap here: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ccr-roadmap-to-success.pdf>
- **Texas PBS and Sesame Street in Community Resources**—helping children and families grow smarter, stronger, and kinder. Visit their website to create a free account and access free professional development courses and free resources. <https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/>
- **Free Texas Annual Training Available Now!**—in partnership with TWC, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension’s Promoting Early Education Quality program is offering a suite of twelve online courses FREE.
- **Family Based Child Care Programs UW Program Supports**—Apply now! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FBCCMiniGrantEng>
- **Training Opportunities** —Check out our Eventbrite Page and never miss a training! 2022-2023 Training Calendar available now! (www.wfscapitalarea.com). 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 via Zoom, TRS Orientation March 9th via Zoom. Our TRS Directors Meetings will continue in March. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 2nd, at 12pm and 6pm. TRS Programs: Site Data Forms due soon! Be on the lookout for our monthly CPR/First Aid classes which begin in the new year!
- **BakerRipley Child Care Services Team and Contacts**—Please see PowerPoint for contact information

****PowerPoint Presentation Attached****

Open Discussion:

Marie—fees? Like a book fee. Certain fees that cannot be charged to CCS families. Reach out to provider services and make sure what is allowable.

CPR and First Aid in Spanish? Yes, we will have some available in Spanish every other month. Next one should be available in March.

Mart M—Any news about JW supplemental wage? Nearing the release of the application. Hoping to get it out by the end of February.

How much does the CPR cost? **FREE**



Mart M—any more Frog Street trainings in Spanish? Try to offer quarterly, none on the calendar yet, but will add more when the opportunity comes up.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2023