

June Provider Advisory Council Meeting



Special Guest

Ashley Atwood

United Way of Greater Austin



Early Learning Program Updates

- 5th CCRF Payments - Eligible providers will be sent their 5th payment in the Summer of 2023. Eligible providers do not have to apply or submit any documentation to receive a 5th CCRF Payment.
- TX3C Rollout Begins - As of May 17th TWC has started implementing the new attendance system for families and early learning programs participating in Child Care Scholarships. Programs currently contracted to receive CCS families should receive an email from KinderConnect with instructions for registering their personal or TWC provided devices with this new attendance system.
- Please report when a child stops attending - We encourage programs to report when a child stops attending their facility.

Login to **KinderConnect**

Please dial 1-888-265-6461 or email us at supportTX@kindersystems.com and one of our representatives will gladly assist you. Support staff are available Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM Central Time.



Quick Links

- [Provider KinderConnect Registration Webinar](#)
- [Provider Tablet Registration Webinar](#)
- [API CMS Provider KinderConnect Registration](#)
- [Adding a New Sponsor](#)
- [Updating a Sponsor Phone Number](#)
- [Sponsor KinderSign Registration](#)
- [Sponsor KinderSmart Registration](#)

FAQs

*Reminder: Summer rates are here!



Assistance with the Texas Workforce Registry (TECPDS) Now Available!

- Workforce Solutions Capital Area now has staff available to assist early learning programs with establishing accounts on the Texas Workforce Registry, commonly referred to as TECPDS.
- Texas Workforce Registry accounts assist teachers will electronically storing all of their training documents and can significantly ease the paperwork that is required for Texas Rising Star Certification.
- The Texas Workforce Registry can also help Directors quickly and easily provide training certificates for all staff attending in-house training.



Texas Workforce Registry

Track your education, experience, and professional development to plan and advance your career pathway

submit an interest form here:

<https://forms.gle/83XQAahbxQZ4H14P9>

NAEYC Accreditation Project

Have you considered NAEYC accreditation but would like some help with the process and fees? TXAEYC is seeking 30 programs to participate in our accreditation project. If selected, your program will join others in meeting new levels of quality over the next two years.

Eligibility Requirements

- Located in Harris, Travis or Walker Counties
- Twenty percent (20%) of children enrolled in program must receive childcare subsidies
- Participate in the Texas Rising Star program and/or demonstrate the program's quality level is above that required by HHSC's Minimum Standards for Child Care Licensing
- At least 50% of staff employed with the program at least one year



Visit the project website for more information: <https://texasaeyc.org/program-resources/naeyc-accreditation-project/>

United Way of Greater Austin Seeking Family Engagement Consultants

- If you know a family who is willing to share their voice and help shape the future of early childhood in our community, please consider referring them to United Way of Greater Austin.
- The SX6 Coalition is seeking input from biological, foster or adoptive parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, or guardians for valuable input and recommendations in various activities, including their upcoming strategic planning.
- Family Engagement Consultants are paid opportunities for families to share their voice and get involved. Caregivers interested in finding out more information about becoming a Family Engagement Consultant can read the description and complete and interest form at the below links.



Find more information [here](#)!



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.





WELCOME TO TEXAS SCHOOL READY!

TSR Comprehensive is implemented in classrooms across the state through partnerships with local and regional organizations known as lead agents. Workforce Solutions Capital Area was again selected as a lead agent for TSR Comprehensive in our area. For more information, visit the [TSR Comprehensive website](#).

TSR Comprehensive Eligibility

The following types of child care and early learning programs are eligible to participate in TSR Comprehensive if they meet certain requirements for child enrollment and eligibility by setting:

- Licensed child care centers (for-profit, nonprofit, and faith-based)
- Home-based child care (licensed or registered)
- School district and charter school prekindergarten (if in partnership or collaboration with child care or Head Start)
- Head Start

Eligible child care and early learning programs may apply to participate in TSR Comprehensive through the TSR [online application](#). After completing the application, eligible programs are placed on a waiting list for lead agents to reference when space becomes available.

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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Training Opportunities

- Check out our Eventbrite Page and never miss a training!
 - 2022-23 Training Calendar available on Eventbrite now!
 - Upcoming Trainings posted through July for registration including:
 - TRS Category Trainings (offered quarterly in English and Spanish)
 - Active Shooter Preparedness for Early Childhood (July 8th, In-Person)
 - TRS Orientation (July 13th, Zoom)
- Capital Area Director/Teacher Symposium is open for registration!
 - August 4th and 5th at the Renaissance Hotel
 - Registration is FREE
 - Register on our [eventbrite page](#)
- Free Monthly CPR/ First Aid classes now available!
(AED Machines available to programs who participate)



**CPR/ First Aid
Monthly!**



Texas 
Rising Star

BakerRipley Child Care Services Team and Contacts

Topics/Questions	Contact Information
<u>Parent Inquires</u> - 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
<u>Provider Services</u> - update your Provider Information Form, attendance, rates, holidays, etc.	ccsproviderservices@wfscapitalarea.com
<u>Quality Initiatives</u> - want to become a TRS provider, have questions about the process, PPR distribution, training, etc.	ccsquality@wfscapitalarea.com
<u>Local Referral Partners</u> – send in referral, become a referral partner, etc.	ccslocalreferral@wfscapitalarea.com
<u>Inclusion Services</u> - Concerns about a child's development and/or challenging behaviors.	ccs.support@wfscapitalarea.com