



## Provider Advisory Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2023

**Workforce Solutions Capital Area Board and BakerRipley staff introductions.**

**Announcements: None**

**Ashley Atwood, Community Integration Coordinator with United Way of Greater Austin presents:**

### **Connect ATX—Searching 101**

- Please see attached PowerPoint for more information and details from presentation.
- Connect ATX Contact Information: Helpline 833-512-2289 (Monday-Friday 8am-6pm); text your zip code to 85511 or connectatx.org (Live Chat)

**Logan DeCleene with BakerRipley present:**

- **5<sup>th</sup> CCRF Payments**—Eligible providers will be sent their 5<sup>th</sup> payment in the Summer of 2023. Eligible providers do not have to apply or submit any documentation to receive a 5<sup>th</sup> CCRF Payment.
- **TX3C Rollout Begins** – As of May 17<sup>th</sup> TWC has started implementing the new attendance system. 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.
- **Assistance With the Texas Workforce Registry (TECPDS) Now Available** – Staff are now available to assist early learning programs with establishing accounts on the TECPDS. TECPDS accounts assists teachers with electronically storing all their training documents and can significantly ease the paperwork that is required for Texas Rising Star certification. TECPDS can also help Directors quickly and easily provide training certificates for all staff attending in-house training. Submit an interest form here: <https://forms.gle/83XQAahbxQZ4H14P9>
- **NAEYC Accreditation Project** – TXAEYC is seeking 30 programs to participate in their accreditation project. If selected, the program will join others in meeting new levels of quality over the next two years. Eligibility Requirements: Located in Harris, Travis, or Walker counties, 20% of children enrolled must receive childcare subsidies, Participate in TRS program and/or demonstrate the program's quality level is above that required by HHSC's Minimum Standards for Child Care Licensing and At least 50% of staff employed with the program for at least one year. Visit project website for more information: <https://texasaeyc.org/program-resources/naeyc-accreditation-project/>
- **United Way of Greater Austin Seeking Family Engagement Consultants** – The SX6 Coalition is seeking input from biological, foster, or adoptive parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, or guardians for valuable input and recommendation in various activities, including their upcoming strategic planning. Family Engagement Consultants are paid opportunities for families to share



their voice and get involved. The description and interest forms may be located here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M51vs-DCQM086aJuHjA5bXeahbDOIHr1-t1TsYtqiU/edit?pli=1>

- **Texas Rising Star PREP**—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**. Have broken providers up into cohorts. If you have not received the email to complete the survey, please let us know. All Capital Area Entry Level Designated programs should have completed the following Survey: <https://forms.gle/KKTuGKKioJd5ERxU9>
- **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. 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 care 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) and/or Head Start. Eligible child care and early learning programs may apply to participate in TSR Comprehensive through the TSR online application: <https://texasschoolready.org/tsr-models/tsr-comprehensive/>. 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 TWC, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Promoting Early Education Quality program is offering a suite of twelve online courses FREE. Earn up to 20 clock hours.
- **Training Opportunities** – Check out our Eventbrite page and never miss a training! 2022-2023 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 8<sup>th</sup>, In-Person) and TRS Orientation (July 13<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom). Capital Area's Director/Teacher Symposium is open for registration! August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Hotel, Registration is FREE, Register on our Eventbrite page. Free Monthly CPR/First Aid classes are now available! (AED Machines available to programs who participate).
- **BakerRipley Child Care Services Team and Contacts**—Please see PowerPoint for contact information

**\*\*PowerPoint Presentation Attached\*\***

**Open Discussion: None**

**Next Meeting: August 17, 2023**