



## Provider Advisory Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

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

**Announcements: None**

**Logan DeCleene with BakerRipley present:**

- **Early Learning Program Updates**—CCS Rate Change Effective 10/01/2023. Current updated rates are attached for reference.
- **Texas Rising Star PREP**—Cohort invitations are 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**. We have completed several cohorts already. If you have not participated in a cohort and you are trying to become an entry level designated program, please contact us.
- **Texas Rising Star Centralized Assessment Entity (CAE) Now Conducting Assessments**—The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) recently awarded a contract for a new centralized assessment entity for Texas Rising Star. Starting on September 1, 2023 the Children's Learning Institute (CLI) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston will begin statewide management of all Texas Rising Star Assessments. They have begun conducting assessments as of October 1, 2023. Should you have questions at this time, please feel free to contact CLI at [caes@cliengage.atlassian.net](mailto:caes@cliengage.atlassian.net)
- **Early Childhood Town Hall with the Mayor**—Wednesday, November 1, 2023, with Mayor Kirk Watson and Special Guests at Austin Community College Eastview Campus. Link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/its-time-to-focus-on-early-childhood-education-early-childhood-town-hall-tickets-735623528777?aff=oddtcreator>
- **PBS Kids Resources for Families**—Workforce Solutions Capital Area is partnering with Austin PBS to help spread the word about their educational games, videos, and resources. This month's spotlight is on Cat in the Hat! Visit Austin PBS for more information: <https://austinpbs.org/highlight/the-cat-in-the-hat-knows-a-lot-about-that>
- **Training Opportunities** – Check out our Eventbrite page and never miss a training! 2023 Training calendar available on Eventbrite! Upcoming Trainings posted through November for registration including: TRS Trainings (offered quarterly), Using STEM in Early Learning Environments (November 28<sup>th</sup>, Zoom-English and Spanish), TRS Orientation (November 9<sup>th</sup>, Zoom). TRS Director Meetings have returned. Next meeting will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> (noon and evening). Register on our Eventbrite page. Free Monthly CPR/First Aid classes are now available! (AED Machines available to programs who participate). Next class will be November 14<sup>th</sup> (English and Spanish)
- **BakerRipley Child Care Services Team and Contacts**—Please see PowerPoint for contact information



**Gwen Snyder Gil, Manager, Child Care Board Technical Assistance with Texas Workforce Commission presents:**

**TX3C:**

- Survey went out to providers so that TWC was able to get a physical mailing address to mail the tablet to you and find out if you were using another system for attendance. Once the survey responses were received Kinder Systems sent out a code to be able to get on Kinder Connect and create your account. If you are a CCS provider you should attend one of the webinars. It is about a 2 week turnaround time to receive a tablet. If you haven't received yours TWC needs to know that. If you don't have children in care right now you will be further down the list to receive one.
- Get your tablet and get connected!
- Please go to <https://tx3c.info/> for information and resources
- Webinar opportunities are available (check website)
- You can contact Gwen at [gwen.snyder@twc.texas.gov](mailto:gwen.snyder@twc.texas.gov) or email [TX3CQuestions@twc.texas.gov](mailto:TX3CQuestions@twc.texas.gov)
- You can contact KinderSystems at 1-888-265-6461 or [supportTX@kindersystems.com](mailto:supportTX@kindersystems.com)

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

**Next Meeting: January 18, 2024**