

Welcome!

Workforce Solutions Capital Area Provider Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

April 18th
11:30am- 1:00pm



Special Guest: Kathy Keller Director of Professional Development



Child Care Services

Program Updates & Announcements



CHILD CARE SERVICES DASHBOARD

- We have served **4,264** unique children
- We have agreements with **495** Early Learning Programs
- **46%** of our Early Learning Programs are quality rated
- **67%** of children currently enrolled are at a quality rated program
- **4,615** of children on the waitlist (3,242 families)



WAITLIST STATUS

Waitlist Status

Enrollment in the child care scholarship program is subject to the availability of funds. Because the need for child care services is great in our community, we currently maintain a waitlist. Below is our estimated waitlist time to assist you in planning (updated monthly). [Read more](#)

Enrollment status

FULL

Our child care scholarship program is fully enrolled and all available funding is assigned to enrolled families

Current estimated waitlist time

24 months

The estimated amount of time before we outreach you for enrollment

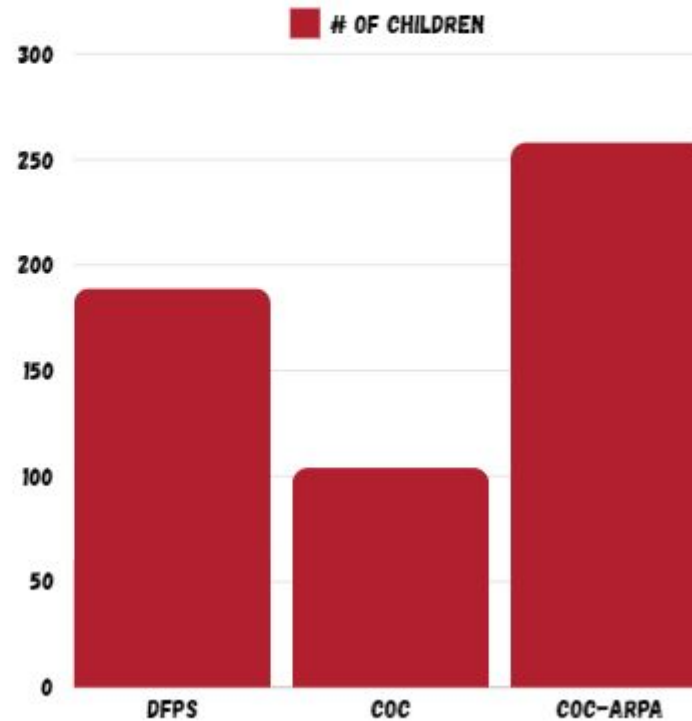
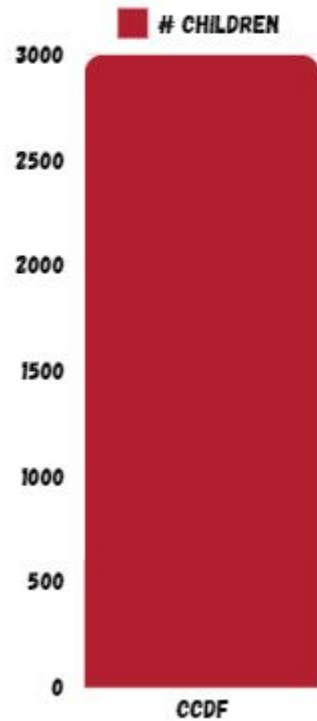
Our last enrollment outreach

3/24/23

Customers placed on our waitlist through 11/09/22 were contacted

ENROLLMENT

AS OF APRIL 10TH





CONTINUITY OF CARE

*does not apply to participants referred from training providers whose training takes more than 12 months to complete, as funds allow

- CoC participants have up to 12-months* to roll-over to a traditional (CCDF) scholarship
- We are committed to providing families a 60-day advance notice of their time limited funding
- With ARPA funds expiring, current enrollment levels cannot be sustained
- We will support families with their waitlist options and connect them with additional resources

FAMILY CELEBRATION AND RESOURCE FAIR

APRIL 2024

62 FAMILIES ATTENDED

- WFS CONNECTED WITH **OVER 120 PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND CHILDREN**
- **15 COMMUNITY PARTNERS**



\$3,100 TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED TO FAMILIES
\$50 GIFT CARD PER FAMILY

46%
FROM NORTH
AUSTIN

29
Families from
North Austin

8
Families from
East Austin

17
Families
from South
Austin

Family from
West Austin
1

Families from
Central Austin
7



FAMILY IMPACT

40 FAMILIES RECEIVED
INFORMATION ON THE
DEVELOPMENTAL
MILESTONES

20 FAMILIES COMPLETED
THE AGES AND STAGES
QUESTIONNAIRE

22 FAMILIES RECEIVED
CPR TRAINING



100%

SAID THEY WOULD ATTEND AGAIN

"EVERYTHING WAS GREAT, SUPER INFORMATIVE AND
HELPFUL. GLAD WE CAME!"



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Happening Next! Children at Risk Property Tax Relief Webinar.



Property Tax Relief for child care providers have been approved by the City of Austin and Travis County. Children At Risk will be hosting a Webinar that will give a step-by-step overview of the application process and filling out the form. Even if you cannot attend, register to receive a recorded copy of the webinar!



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**Child Care
Services**



**We're hosting a virtual Parent Training
Series and you're invited to join us!**

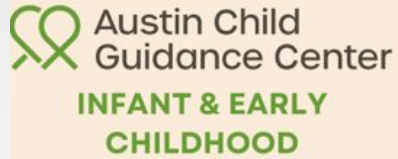
- Workforce Solutions Capital Area will be hosting a Parent Training Series April through August.
- Trainings will be available in English and Spanish on a variety of topics including:
 - Building Relationships with Young Children
 - Helping Your Child Sleep Through the Night
 - Understanding Anxiety and Fear
 - And more!
- Parents can register for a virtual training on our Parent Training Eventbrite page.

[Parent Training Series | Eventbrite](#)



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Biting Resources for Parents and Teachers



UNDERSTANDING BITING BEHAVIOR IN CHILDREN & HOW TO HELP



Why do children bite?

Exploration and Teething

Communication Challenges

Attention-seeking

Frustration and Anger

Imitation



How can parents & teachers help?

1. Care for the child who was bit/hurt
2. Be direct with the child who bit and use language such as "Do not bite. Biting hurts."
3. Explore why the child bit. EX) another child stole their toy.
4. Model appropriate behavior for future scenarios



What if a child is nonverbal?

Some children have limited language due to developmental factors. Here are ways you can support a child who has limited language or is nonverbal:

- Pay attention to triggers when biting
- Engage the child in constructive activities that use their oral muscle
- Provide the child with physical activities that allows them to express their feelings

YOU ARE DOING AMAZING!

For more information on biting please scan the QR codes below:





Resources from PBS Kids



Ready To Learn

Check out the PBS Ready To Learn website for lesson ideas, videos, family learning events, and more!

This month's highlight!



Lyla in the Loop is a funny and engaging new animated series about Lyla Loops and her fantastical blue sidekick, Stu, who use creative and strategic problem-solving and critical thinking skills to help their family, friends and community. Find games, activities and resources for parents on the Austin PBS website!



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Texas Rising Star Supports

Inclusion Series: Including Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Part 1

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

2:00-3:00PM



Inclusion
Webinar Series



National Center on
Early Childhood Development, Teaching, and Learning



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Texas Rising Star Reminder



TECPDS Assistance Request

ldecleene@gmail.com [Switch account](#)

* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

Name of Early Learning Program: *

Your answer



**How Center Directors Can Unaffiliate
(Disconnect) Staff from Their Center**



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EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR & TEACHER SYMPOSIUM

August 2-3, 2024



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SAVE
THE DATE



Texas Rising Star Training



TRS Monitoring Prep (zoom)
Thursday, May 16, 12:00-2:00p



Interactions Matter! (TRS Cat 2) In-Person
Saturday, May 4, 9:00a-1:00p
English & Spanish Option



Indoor/Outdoor Environment (TRS Cat 4)
Tuesday, June 18, 6:00p-8:00p (Zoom)
English & Spanish Option



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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