

**PROMOTING
POSITIVE
CHILD
OUTCOMES**



PAC MEETING

June 20, 2024

OVERVIEW

As of June 2024...



We have served 4,610 unique children



We have agreements with 509 child care providers



40.6% of our providers are 2-Star rated or higher



63.5% of children currently enrolled are at a quality rated provider

WAITLIST STATUS

As of June 13th, 2024 the waitlist count is 4,995.

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 <small>Our child care scholarship program is fully enrolled and all available funding is assigned to enrolled families</small>	Current <i>estimated</i> waitlist time 24 months <small>The estimated amount of time before we outreach you for enrollment</small>	Our last enrollment outreach 3/24/23 <small>Customers placed on our waitlist through 11/09/22 were contacted</small>
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CONTINUITY OF CARE PROGRAM



COC participants have up to 12-months to roll-over to a traditional (ccdf) scholarship

UPDATE

Additional ARPA funds are expected, allowing us to serve the children currently in care through their 12 months of eligibility

UPDATE

Additional ARPA funds may allow us to serve additional children for program year 2025 and 2026

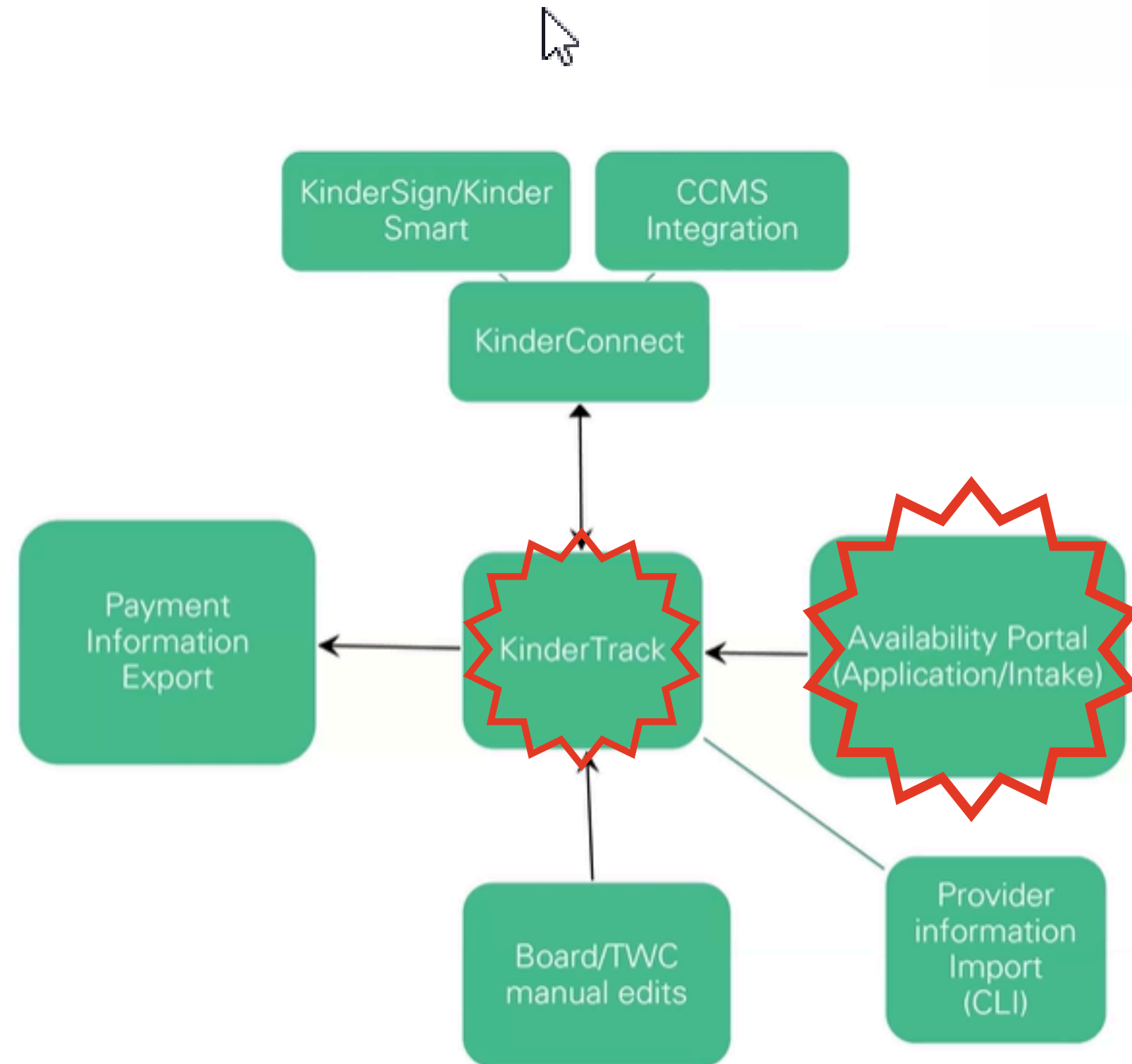


TX3C Implementation Delayed

New Launch Date:
Sept 1, 2024



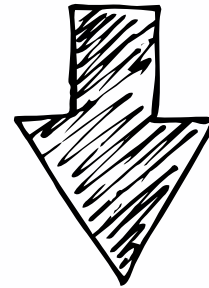
How Does It Work?



- Imports family information from the **Availability Portal**
- Attendance is submitted to **KinderTrack** from **KinderConnect**
- Imports provider data from availability portal and CLI
- Payments are calculated in **KinderTrack** using family and provider data

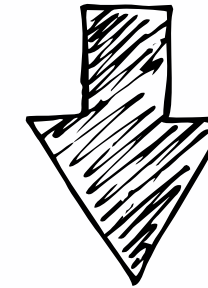


KinderTrack



- **Holds all family records**
- **Will be the system of record for families**
- **Will replace the current legacy system, TWIST**

Availability Portal



- **Provider Central -where providers can update information and availability**
- **Parent Portal -where parents can access childcare information and apply for scholarships**
- **Admin Portal-system oversight tool for State and local Boards**

TX3C-Key Changes Ahead

Area of Change	Description of Change	Impact
TWIST to TX3C	TX3C will replace TWIST as the system of record for eligibility documentation	TX3C will be used to collect, verify, and store all CCS eligibility documentation including counselor notes; parents and authorized staff will be able to upload documents
Statewide Online Application	Applications will be standardized across the State; the application is web-based and mobile-device friendly; the new application and CCS parent portal will be housed in the Child Care Availability Portal	The standardized application will ensure a common user experience for all Texans; options will be made available to customers who do not have the technology or skills to complete an online application
Absence Tracking	Monitoring attendance will resume in TX3C	Absences will be reset effective implementation date; children with over 40 total unexplained absences in a 12-month eligibility period risk losing their scholarship

TX3C-Key Changes Ahead (cont)

Area of Change	Description of Change	Impact
Child Transfer	Voluntary transfers of children between Early Learning Programs (ELPs) are not permitted until the start of the second pay period following the parent request	Transfer effective dates will vary 3-4 weeks following the date the parent submitted the request; limited number of exceptions may be considered for approval (to transfer sooner) for reasons like valid health and safety concerns, court-ordered visitation, etc. Additional guidance is forthcoming
Parent Share of Cost (PSoC)-change 1	PSoC will be calculated as a weekly fee	Because PSoC will appear as weekly deductions on the payment statement, ELPs are encouraged to collect fees on a weekly or bi-weekly interval to help ensure payments are accurate; parents will be encouraged to talk to their ELP to find out how often the ELP wants to collect the PSoC; this will impact our local non-pay reporting process that allows ELPs to get reimbursed for unpaid PSoC

TX3C-Key Changes Ahead (cont)

Area of Change	Description of Change	Impact
PSoC-change 2	The methodology for calculating PSoC will be revised and standardized across the State; effective Oct 1, discounts for parents that select a quality-rated program will be discontinued	All PSoC amounts will be capped at 7% of the household income, regardless of the number of children in care; the new calculation and removing the discount will be phased in at a family's new enrollment or recertification
Minimum 12-month Eligibility for Children Added	Children enrolled in a child care scholarship, including siblings added to an existing CCS scholarship, receive 12 months of eligibility	When an additional child is enrolled and added, the redetermination dates for all children in the family are extended to ensure that every child in the family receives a minimum 12-month eligibility period
Elimination of Voluntary Withdrawal Termination Reason	Eligibility may not be redetermined sooner than 12 months	For families that request to voluntarily withdraw, care will be suspended rather than terminating eligibility. The discontinuation from the program will be completed at the end of the 12-month eligibility period, if the family has not come back to care

TX3C-Key Changes Ahead (cont)

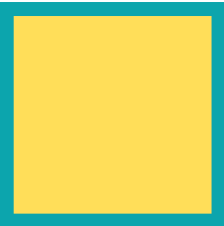
Area of Change	Description of Change	Impact
Expanded Age Groups	CCS age groups for provider payments will match Child Care Regulation (CCR) age groups	Please wait to initiate changes to your agreement (for the purpose of adding rates to the expanded groups). We will email requests in the coming months
Provider Payments	TWC will issue a statewide payment calendar	Payment will cover two-week periods, Monday-Sunday
	Payments will be made for authorized child care before care is provided	The age group assigned to the child will be based on the first day of the two-week billing cycle; Payments for children authorized during the 2nd week of the payment period and during the current pay period may be delayed and payment will occur 1-3 weeks after service; if a provider receives an overpayment for child whose authorization changes or ends during a paid period, we will adjust future payment(s) to recover the overpayment

TX3C-Key Changes Ahead (cont)

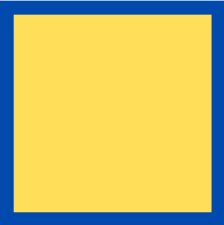
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Provider Payments (cont.)	Payment will be based on the provider's location (managing Board), rather than the child's residence	ELPs managed by the Capital Area Board (in Travis County) will be reimbursed based on Capital Area Board rates even when the child is referred by Rural Capital Board
	There is no change to relative provider payments	None

TX3C-Sample Pay Calendar

Sept 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13



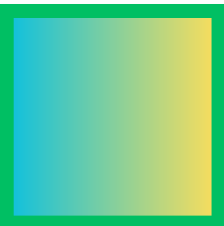
Two week yellow blocks denote pay periods



Date payments are processed for the 2-week pay period that follows



Case changes made during this time (that affect payment) are not seen until the next pay period



Provider Pay Date



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TX3C changes!

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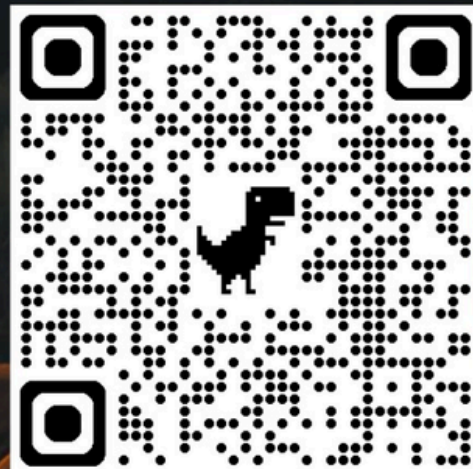
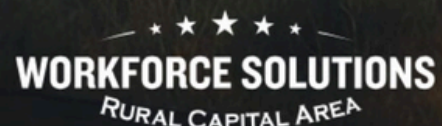
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UPCOMING TRAININGS

COST OF CARE & RATE SETTING (ZOOM)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 6:00
P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

TRS MONITORING PREP (ZOOM)

**THURSDAY, AUG 15TH, 12:00
P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

INTERACTIONS MATTER! (TRS CAT 2) (IN-PERSON)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH, 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

AVAILABLE IN **SPANISH AND **ENGLISH****



We're Here to Help!

Questions from Parents?

Parents are interested in services, want to sign up for the waitlist, need changes, etc.



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Finance Team

Questions about payments, missing dates, full time/blended amounts, etc.



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