# **KinderSystem Tools**

The new system allows parents and caregivers (referred to as "sponsors") to report child care attendance through the following KinderSystems

## **KinderConnect:**

A web-based portal for providers to track and share attendance data with state or local Workforce Solutions staff.

## KinderSign

An app for iPads and Android tablets that helps sponsors log a child's attendance at the provider location.

### **KinderSmart**

A mobile app for smartphones (iOS/Android) that allows sponsors to record attendance on their personal devices.

### **Reporting Attendance**

Relative providers must use the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system (713-242-1606) to report attendance. Only sponsors may report attendance, but providers can log check-ins or check-outs in cases where the sponsor isn't present. Misuse of the system, including entering false attendance records, may result in fraud investigations. All attendance data uploaded to KinderSystems, including corrections, will be monitored for accuracy.



## TWC Will Enforce All Child **Care Attendance Requirements** Starting August 4th, 2025.

The TX3C information site and help desk support, are available to help child care sponsors and providers use the new child care automated tracking system.

- Support website: Families, Parents, and Sponsors page
- Phone: 1+ (888) 265-6461
- Email:supportTX@kindersystems.com



## **Service Improvement Agreement (SIA)**

Providers that are not using the attendance system will be placed on a Service Improvement Agreement (SIA) notifying them that they have one month to use the new system. The SIA will also notify providers that if they are not using the new attendance system within one month of the execution of the SIA, CCS payments will be withheld until they come into compliance. If a provider cannot use the system due to factors like not receiving equipment, they must provide documentation and will not face penalties.

## **Absences**

Important Attendance Update for Providers:

All children's absences will reset to zero on August 3, 2025. Beginning August 4, absence tracking will resume in alignment with state policy.

Children who accumulate more than **40** unexplained absences within a 12-month eligibility period may lose their child care scholarship. To support families, the system will notify sponsors at 15 and 30 absences.

Please remind families that documented absences due to chronic illness or court-ordered custody/visitation may be credited. Caregivers should submit appropriate documentation as needed.





