

TEXAS CHILD CARE BUSINESS COACHING PATHWAY

CONNECTING PROVIDERS TO OTHER PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS

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Texas Rising Star



Texas Rising Star is the statewide Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). Programs that are Texas Rising Star certified are considered programs that have a commitment to quality care and improvement that exceeds the state's minimum licensing standards. The Texas Rising Star program offers three levels of quality certification (Two-Star, Three-Star, and Four-Star) to encourage child care and early learning programs to attain progressively higher levels of quality. Find more information [here](#)!

Child Care Services



The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) [child care services program](#) subsidizes child care for low-income families, promoting long-term self-sufficiency by enabling parents to work or attend workforce training or education activities. TWC also provides resources to educate parents about the availability of quality child care, which enhances children's early learning. To serve families in the CCS program, providers must have a provider agreement with their local Workforce Solutions office to provide child care services. To find more information and to contact your board, please visit [Child Care Services Overview | Texas Child Care Solutions](#).

Texas Pre-K Partnerships

PRE-K PARTNERSHIP EXPANSION INITIATIVE

A prekindergarten (pre-k) partnership is a collaboration between a quality-rated child care program and a school district or charter school. Eligible children are dually enrolled in public school pre-k and TWC's Child Care Services program.

Pre-k partnerships are an opportunity for child care programs to increase and/or maintain their enrollment, improve their financial stability, and access shared resources and professional learning opportunities. TWC covers the cost of wraparound care for eligible children in pre-k partnership classrooms. In addition, school districts/charter schools may pass through state funding to the child care program to assist with the costs of pre-k instruction. The TWC Pre-K Partnership team is available to help child care programs through the partnership development process. Please visit the [Pre-K Partnerships](#) page for more information.

Apprenticeships



A Registered Apprenticeship Program is a federally recognized career pathway and offers an opportunity for child care providers to recruit, train, and retain high-quality staff. Child care apprentices are full-time paid employees who "earn while they learn" by combining on-the-job training with educational instruction that leads to a nationally-recognized credential. For more information about how your program could take advantage of a child care apprentice, visit [ApprenticeshipTexas](#) or contact ApprenticeshipTexas@twc.texas.gov.

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Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



The CACFP is a nationwide program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) that provides approved child care centers and home-based providers with financial resources to afford nutritious meals and snacks for the qualified children they serve. The additional financial resources cover a portion of the provider's existing food costs, children served in the program will have access to well-balanced, nutritious meals, and parents save time and money by not having to buy, prepare, or pack meals at home. Learn more [here](#)!

Business Development Program



Collaborative for Children's Business Development program offers free interactive business training sessions for child care owners and directors statewide. Trainings are offered both in-person and virtually and are designed to enhance business practices, sustainability and provide preparation for seeking Texas Rising Star certification.

To learn more about the opportunities available through Collaborative for Children's Business Development program and to register, visit [2022 Business Accelerator Schedule](#).

Skills for Small Business



The Skills for Small Business program is designed to help employers with fewer than 100 employees access training for full-time staff. This program offers reimbursements to child care providers whose staff sign up for specialized training provided through an approved community or technical college, or through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. A total of \$1 million has been approved to allow child care businesses to participate in this program!

Child care providers with fewer than 100 employees are eligible for a reimbursement of up to \$900 per existing worker, and up to \$1,800 per newly hired worker. For more information on this on-going opportunity, visit the [Skills for Small Business for Employers](#) webpage.

Child Care Provider Expansion Initiative



The Child Care Expansion Initiative is a funding opportunity for home- and center-based child care providers who are expanding their business or opening a new child care business. This initiative will help build the supply of high-quality child care across Texas by off-setting start-up and operating

costs for providers who are expanding in a child care desert, partnering with an employer, or increasing their infant care capacity. For application and eligibility information, updates, and more, visit the [Child Care Expansion Initiative webpage](#).

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SCORE



SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses succeed through education and mentorship. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). It's a national network dedicated to helping small businesses plan, launch, manage and grow. SCORE mentors offer area-specific advice at no cost (financing, human resources, business planning) via email, telephone, and video. Learn more [here](#)!

Small Business Development Centers



America's SBDC represents America's nationwide network of Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) – the most comprehensive small business assistance network in the United States and its territories.

Small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs can go to their local SBDCs for FREE face-to-face business consulting and at-cost training on a variety of topics. There are nearly 1,000 [local centers](#) available to provide no-cost business consulting and low-cost training to new and existing businesses.

Quality Child Care Matters (home-based providers)



The AVANCE Quality Child Care Matters (QCCM) program strengthens program quality for family and home-based child care providers. Those enrolled in the program receive training and professional development, mentoring and coaching, and regular cohort meetings that facilitate peer support and the sharing of best practices within and across cohorts of providers. Learn more [here](#)!