



Texas
Rising
Star

**Help Your Children Reach
Their Full Potential!**

Become a Texas Rising Star Provider

Benefits of Becoming Texas Rising Star Certified

- Online professional development
- One-on-one mentoring
- Increased child subsidy reimbursements

Texas Rising Star is . . .

A voluntary, quality-based child care rating system of child care providers participating in the Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized child care program.

Who can apply?

- Licensed centers
- Licensed child care home providers
- Registered child care home providers
- Child care providers operated by the U.S. Military

Enhanced Star Level Reimbursement

As the provider meets each level of certification, it will receive compensation above the standard Board maximum rate at the following levels (up to the provider published rate):

-  2 Star – 5%
-  3 Star – 7%
-  4 Star – 9%



TRS Categories

Providers that voluntarily achieve TRS provider certification offer quality care that exceeds the State's Minimum Child Care Licensing Standards (in the five categories detailed below).

Category 1: Director and Staff Qualifications and Training

- Director qualifications and training
- Caregiver qualifications, orientation and training
- Caregiver qualifications and training

Category 2: Caregiver-Child Interactions

- Group size
- Staff ratios
- Warm and responsive style
- Language facilitation and support
- Play-based interactions and guidance
- Support for children's regulation

Category 3: Curriculum

- Lesson plans and curriculum
- Planning for special needs and respecting diversity
- Instructional formats and approaches to learning

Category 4: Nutrition and Indoor/Outdoor Activities

- Nutrition
- Indoor learning environments
- Outdoor learning environments

Category 5: Parent Education and Involvement

- Parent Education
- Parent Involvement

TRS Eligibility



A child care provider is eligible to apply for TRS certification if the provider has a current agreement to serve Commission-subsidized children and the provider:

- has a permanent (nonexpiring) license or registration from DFPS with at least 12 months of licensing history and is not on corrective action with DFPS, TWC or the local Board; or
- is regulated by and in good standing with the U.S.Military.

Additionally, TRS providers must demonstrate consistent compliance with minimum state licensing requirements.

Please visit
www.TexasRisingStar.org
**for additional information and
eligibility requirements.**



TRS Application

Ready to apply to become a Texas Rising Star Certified Provider?

Follow these steps for applying to Texas Rising Star. All documents are online at www.TexasRisingStar.org.

- 1** Watch the orientation video.
- 2** Submit the TRS Application Interest Form at www.TexasRisingStar.org.
- 3** Complete one Classroom Self-Assessment for **each** of your classrooms and one Facility Self-Assessment for your facility.
- 4** Complete the TRS Document Checklists, TRS Application, and appropriate Licensing Screening Form (After-School Programs, Home-Based Providers, or Licensed Centers).
- 5** Submit your completed TRS Self-Assessments, Document Checklists, TRS Application, and Licensing Screening Form to your local workforce development board.

For more information on the TRS application process, please visit

www.TexasRisingStar.org/Getting-Ready

or review the TRS Certification Guidelines.

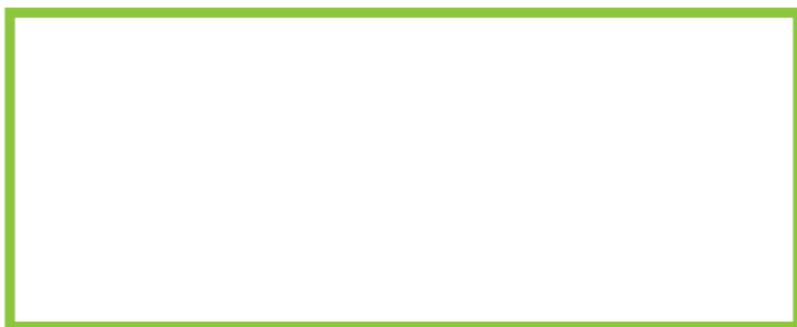
Across Texas, parents and families enroll their children into child care programs, including center-based and home-based programs. Numerous research studies have shown that at-risk children who attend higher quality child care programs are more prepared for school entry than children who do not attend quality child care programs.



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For more information, contact your local workforce development board at:



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