



Building the Tracks to Quality: WSA Quality Cohort

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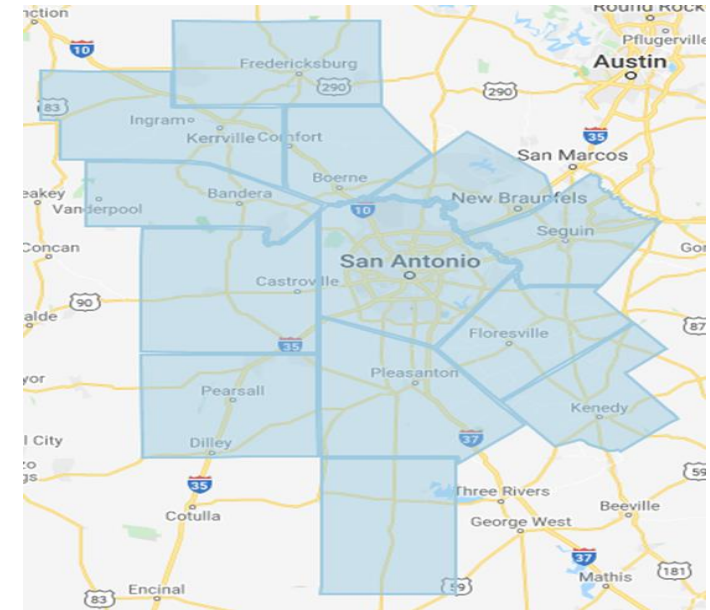
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About Workforce Solutions Alamo

- Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) serves as the governing board for the regional workforce system, a network of service providers and contractors that brings people and jobs together.
- Counties included in the Alamo Region are Atascosa, Banderá, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Karnes, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson.





Mission and Vision

MISSION

- Strengthen the Alamo regional economy by growing and connecting talent pipelines to employers.

VISION STATEMENT

- To lead the most integrated community workforce network in the nation.

Core Values

Accountability

Collaboration

Excellence

Innovation

Integrity

Learning Objectives



- Understand how Boards can create a pathway for programs to achieve Texas Rising Star certification
- Discuss ways to increase the number of providers receiving Texas Rising Star certification

History of Texas Rising Star

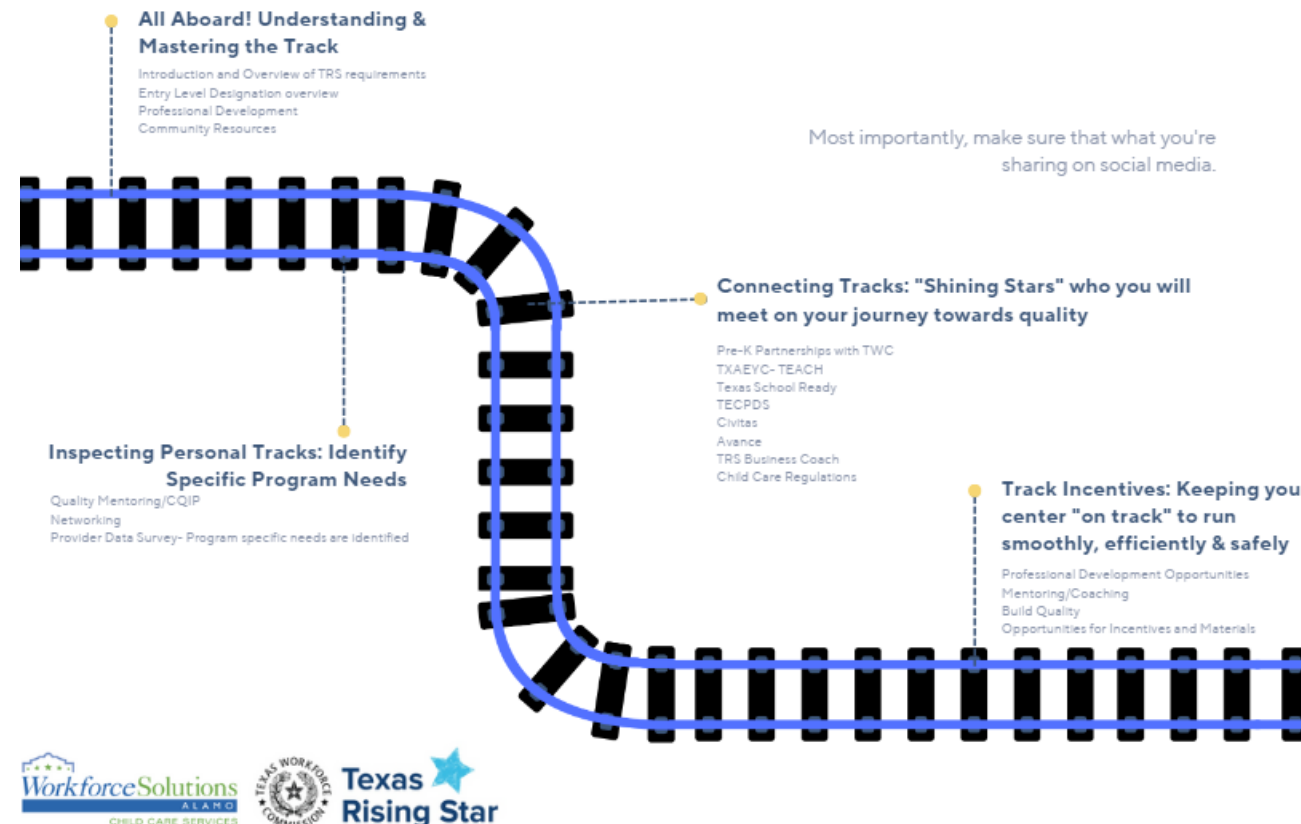


The movement to improve and standardize quality in child care and early learning programs began in the 1970s but did not gain momentum until the 1990s when states began to implement *tiered* quality rating and improvement systems (TQRIS) and to tie enhanced subsidy reimbursement rates to levels of quality. The following is a brief history of the evolution of TQRIS in Texas:

- In September 2022, the Commission adopted amendments to TWC Chapter 809 Child Care Services rules to implement the new requirements. Effective October 3, 2022, all CCS child care and early learning programs must participate in the Texas Rising Star program. In order to be a CCS provider, child care and early learning programs must:
 - meet the Entry- Level designation point threshold; and
 - attain at least a Two-Star certification level within 24 months

Building the Tracks to Quality

WSA Building the Tracks to Quality





WSA Quality Cohorts

Pilot

- April-September 2022
- 11 ELPs
- 9 achieved certification
- 1- 2 Star, 4- 3 Star, 4- 4 Star & 2- Ineligible

Fall 2022

- October-March 2023
- 70 ELPs
- 15 achieved certification
- 8- 3 Star, 7- 4 Star, 33- Eligible, 19- Ineligible & 3- Closed

Spring 2023

- April-September 2023
- 70 ELPs
- 1 achieved certification
- 1- 3 Star, 48- Eligible, 21- Ineligible & 1- Closed

Fall 2023

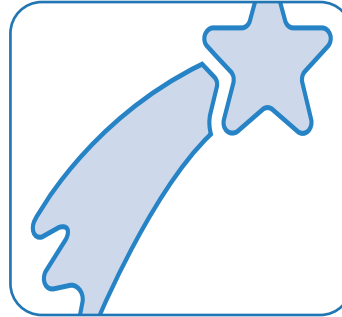
- October-March 2024
- IN SESSION



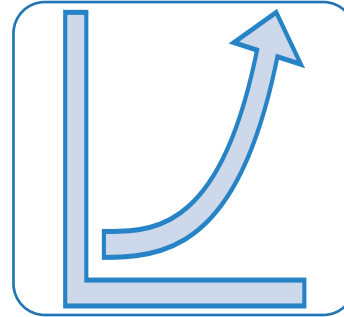
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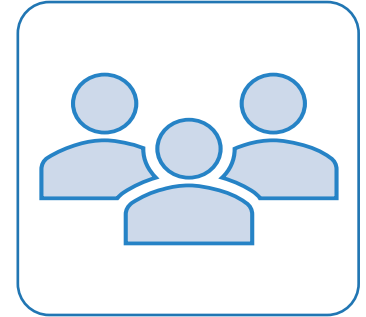
Provide program directors and teachers with opportunities to enhance, elevate and expand skills in Early Learning & the Texas Rising Star program.



Provide resources to ensure children receive quality care.

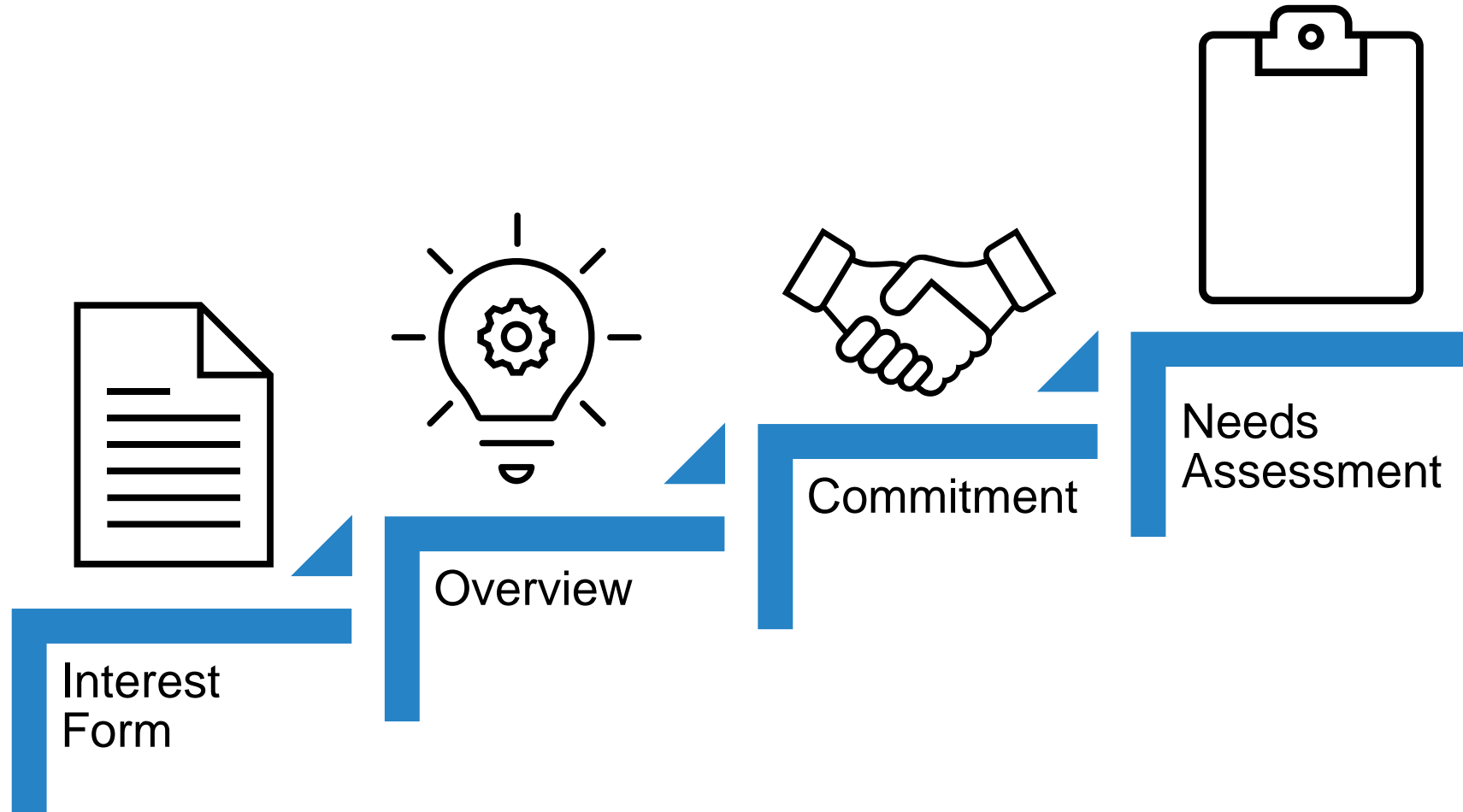


Increase participation in the Texas Rising Star program.



Help our community to have access to resources available to the early childhood field

Pilot Cohort Outreach and Recruitment



WSA Quality Cohort Interest Form

- ELPs submit an interest form digitally using Cognito forms
- <https://www.cognitoforms.com/wsachildcare/wsatrqualitycohort>



WSA TRS Quality Cohort

Workforce Solutions Alamo would like to invite you to participate in the Spring 2023 WSA TRS Quality Cohort that will be launching on Saturday, April 29th, 2023. The cohort will meet virtually once a month, on a Saturday, for six months for 2-3 hours each meeting. The cohort will prepare programs for their TRS certification by providing an overview and resources over the Texas Rising Star measures.

Important: Participation in the cohort requires the program's Director/Admin attendance in the scheduled meeting times (virtual and in-person).

Provider Name *	License Number *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email *	Phone *
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Contact Person *	Title *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

GOALS





ELIGIBILITY

- Have an active agreement with a Board to accept referrals from the TWC Child Care Services program and a current Entry Level Designation
- Licensed Child Care Center/ Licensed Child Care Home/ Registered Child Care Home
- Have a permanent (non-expiring) license or registration from Child Care Regulations (CCR)
- Have at least 12 months of licensing history with CCR
- Demonstrate a high level of compliance with CCR minimum standards over the preceding 12 months in accordance with the TRS Initial Screening Exam



Needs Assessment

- ELPs submitted a Provider Data Survey to gather data needed in ordering material
- <https://www.cognitoforms.com/wsachildcare/bcy24texasrisingstarmentoringagreement>
- <https://www.cognitoforms.com/wsachildcare/providerdatasurvey>

 
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Provider Data Survey
PROVIDER INFORMATION

Provider Name * License Number *

Contact Person * Title *

Phone * Email *

Physical Address * Mailing Address
Address Line 1 Address Line 1
City Zip Code City Zip Code

County * Operation Type *



Current Star Level * Licensed Capacity *

Total Current Enrollments * Current Number of Families Served *

Average Enrollment over last 2 years

Ages Served *
☐ Infants 0-11 months ☐ Infants 12-17 months ☐ Toddlers 18-23 months ☐ Toddlers 2 years ☐ Preschool 3 years
☐ Preschool 4 years ☐ Preschool 5 years ☐ School Age 6-8 years ☐ School Age 9-13 years ☐ Over 13 years old

Partnerships *
☐ United Way ☐ Pre-K KSA ☐ Family Service ☐ St. Paul Lutheran ☐ Shared Services ☐ Not Applicable
☐ Other

 
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BCY 24 Texas Rising Star Mentoring Agreement
PROVIDER INFORMATION

License Number * Type of Facility *

Name of Facility * Phone *

Contact Person * Title * Email *

Physical Address * Mailing Address Current Star Level

Number of teaching staff Number of administrative staff

Please type the name of curriculum your program uses.

Please check which of the following age groups have curriculum.
☐ Infant ☐ Toddlers ☐ Preschool ☐ School Age

Please list the assessments being used by your program.

Please check which of the following age groups that use assessments.
☐ Infant ☐ Toddlers ☐ Preschool

Please upload list of classrooms at your program to include the classroom name and age of children enrolled in the classroom. For example Infant Room1 (2months-12 months) or Baby Bees (2months-12months).

Upload or drag files here

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
The Workforce Solutions Alabama mentoring services for Texas Rising Star and Entry Level Designated early learning programs are designed to enhance the quality of the learning experiences of young children and to improve the early childhood knowledge and skills of the staff that work with those children. This agreement confirms the understanding between the early learning program and the Board and defines the responsibilities and goals set forth by Texas Rising Star.



Benefits

ELPs

- Networking
- Professional Development
- Outdoor & Indoor Kits
- Parent Engagement Kits
- Curriculum
- Quality Mentoring in a group setting

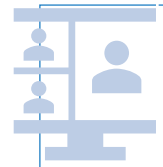
TRS Staff

- Opportunity to Mentor multiple providers at once time
- Same information at once
- Ensures all ELPs are receiving Mentoring
- Planning for submission of applications

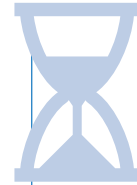




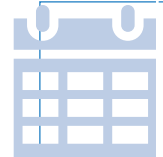
Structure



Modality



Timeframe



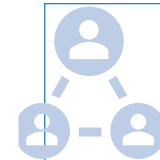
Frequency



Duration



Content



Resources



Meeting Overview

- Meeting 1
 - CQIP requirements
 - TRS Tools
 - Expectations
- Meeting 2
 - Required measures (Cat 1&3)
 - Guest Speaker
- Meeting 3
 - Point-based measures (Cat 1&3)
 - Guest Speaker
- Meeting 4
 - Point-based measures (Cat 2)
 - Guest Speaker
- Meeting 5
 - Point-based measures (Cat 4)
 - Guest Speaker
- Meeting 6
 - Submit TRS certification
 - Guest Speaker

Support the Destination



- Indoor & Outdoor Kits
- Parent Kits
- Curriculum
- Children's Assessments

Indoor & Outdoor Kits \$300,000

- Align to Category 2 & 4 measures
- Inf/Todd/Pre/Afs
- Home Provider kit (\$1300)
- Per classroom
- Cost per outdoor kit:
 - All ages: \$1100
- Cost per indoor kit:
 - Infant \$860
 - Toddler \$860
 - Preschool \$730
 - School Age \$680



Parent Kits \$39,000

- Align with Category 3 measures
- Preschool
- 9 Parent Kits
- Cost per kit: \$30-\$34



Curriculum \$270,000

- Align with Category 3 measures
- Frog Street Press
 - 38 Infant
 - 40 Toddlers
 - 39 PreK
- Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum
 - 5 Family Home kits
- 1 per site
- Cost per kit:
 - Infant- \$999.99
 - Toddler- \$1,299.99
 - Preschool- \$3,699.99
 - Family Home- \$ 1,880.00



Children's Assessments \$15,000

- Align with Category 3 measures
- ASQ SE-2 & ASQ 3
- 1 per site
- Cost per: \$250





Upcoming Cohorts

Foundations 2 Quality

(Fast Track)

- November-December
- January- February
- March-April
- May-June
- July-August

Spring 2024

- April-September
- ELPs to achieve certification after 9.2024

Considerations



Grouping ELPs

Designation end date

Duration

Ordering of material

Submission of application

Eligibility to submit application



Questions?