



# Local Child Care Committees: Sharing Best Practices to Maximize Stakeholder Engagement

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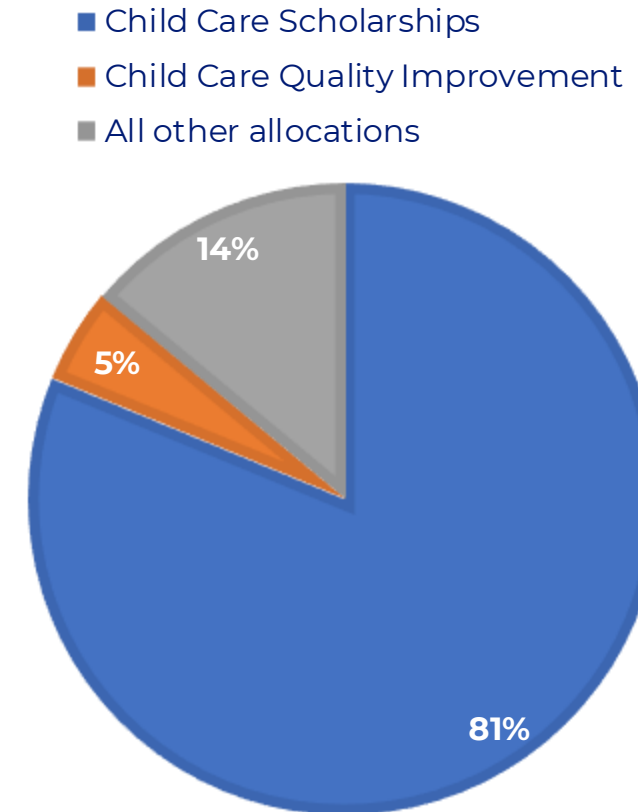
# Objectives

- Understand the purpose and expectations of local child care committees
- See how these committees connect to workforce board governance and decision-making
- Share ideas for using committees to strengthen provider engagement and local feedback loops
- Identify concrete next steps for improving visibility, communication, and impact

# Where Child Care Services Fits

- ≈145k CCS children served per day
- ≈45k employers with employees receiving CCS
- ≈ 7k CCS providers licensed to serve more than a half million children
- Local Child Care Funding in FY 2026:
  - \$1.4 billion allocated to Boards
  - 6% (\$86 million) set aside for local child care quality improvement activities
  - CCS is Boards' largest funding stream

## FY 2026 BOARD ALLOCATIONS



# The Power of Local Voice



- Local committees create a structured way to gather stakeholder input
- ***Child care committees can help Boards connect child care → workforce participation → local economy***

How familiar are you with your local child care committee?



# Committee Requirements

Workforce Development Letter 19-23, Change 1:  
<https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/wf/policy-letter/wd/19-23-ch1-twc.pdf>



Membership – requires at least two providers



Must meet at least quarterly



Must update the Board at least twice a year



Must provide input to the Board on CCS policy changes

# Child Care Committees Are Meant to...

- Create a two-way communication channel between providers and the board
- Bring local context to funding and program decisions
- Support transparency and trust
- Strengthen the link between child care and workforce priorities



# Key Ingredients of an Effective Committee

## *Elements of an Effective Committee:*



**Membership** – Diverse provider representation, cross-sector partners



**Structure** – Regular meetings, clear purpose



**Communication** – Visible to the community (minutes, updates)

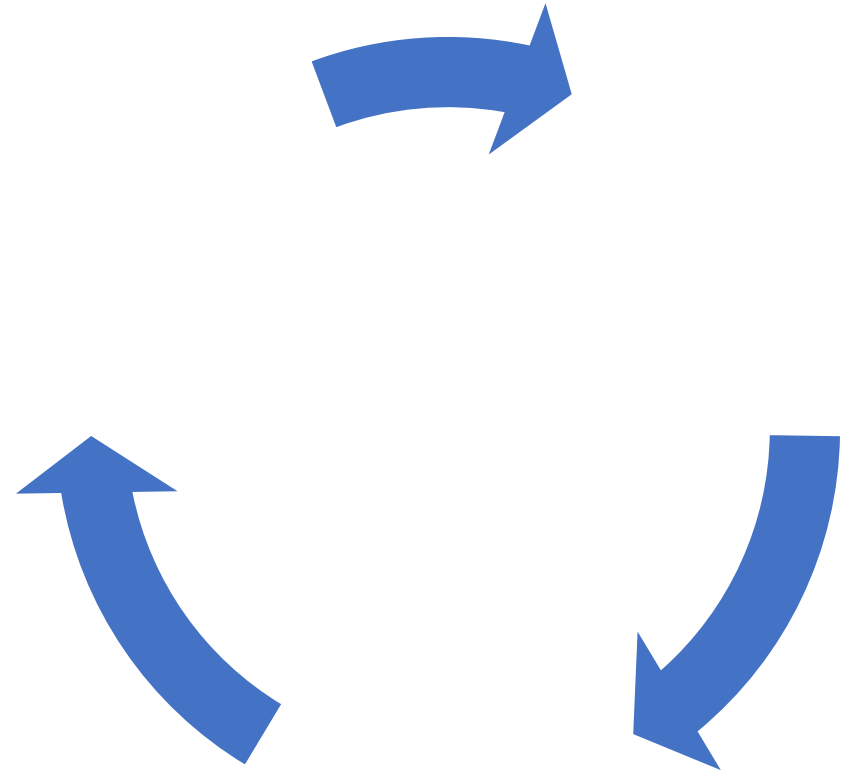


**Impact** – Input visibly reflected in board decisions

# Map Your Local Feedback Loop

## Small Group Exercise:

1. With your table, draw or describe what the feedback loop looks like now.
2. Identify one gap.
3. Brainstorm one improvement.





# Bright Spots & Barriers

## Share out:

- *What's working?*
- *What's hard?*



# Moving from Compliance to Connection

- Review your committee structure and purpose
- Ensure diverse provider participation
- Share outcomes publicly
- Keep the feedback loop alive year-round



# How to Make Committees Visible

- Publish committee info:
  - Membership
  - Cadence of meetings
  - Agendas and/or meeting minutes
  - How to provide input to the committee
- Share key takeaways in provider newsletters or calls
- Use the committee to vet new quality initiatives or funding priorities – highlight in local Child Care Quality Plan

# Resources

- Handouts:
  - Model committee charter
  - Sample meeting agenda
  - Example of provider feedback summary
- Child Care Quality Strategic Planning and Expenditures Guide: <https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/wf/docs/ccq-strategic-planning-and-expenditures-guide-twc.pdf>
- Local Board CCQ Plans and Reports: <https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/child-care/data-reports-plans>

# Questions?

