# Texas Rising Star Four Year Review 2023

State Workgroup Meeting – September 27, 2023



## Agenda

Review and Consider Summary of Input

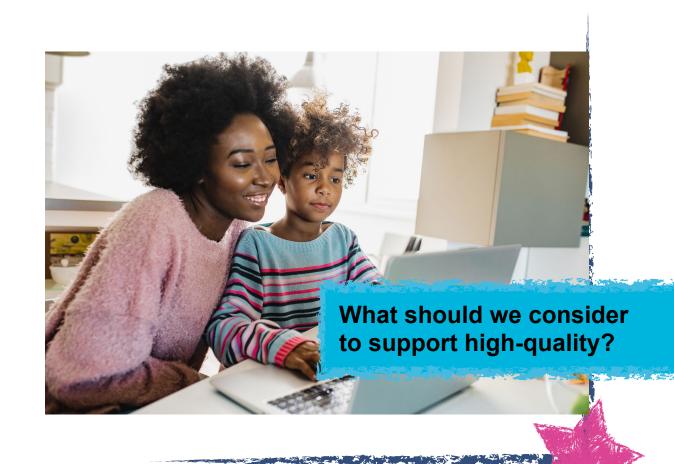
General Protocols and Processes



#### **Issues for Consideration**

 General Protocols and Processes

Lens for considering Specialty Programs (non-traditional care, home-based, school-age only, etc.)



#### General Processes/Procedures

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<ul> <li>With Legislative change, allow for an additional One-Star level to be added to provide Structural Measure Only Assessments with a 3% enhanced reimbursement/payment rate</li> </ul>	58%	<ul> <li>Motivation for quality and stepping stone to higher levels.</li> <li>Propose required movement from One-Star within 1 year.</li> <li>Defeats purpose of being certified and concern for lowering the standards.</li> <li>Could we consider Five-Star rating as well?</li> </ul>
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#### **Current Process:**

- Any certified program that has a facility change (split, expansion, move, ownership, or type) must be issued a full, permanent permit from CCR to retain their current star rating and is reassessed (based on the facility type) within 3 months of the change.
- CCR has confirmed that each of these changes can result in a full permit being issued;
   however the program must meet certain stipulations for the change

Rule requires certified programs (eligibility for certification) to have a full permit.

## Processes/Procedures Proposal 2

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#### **Current Process:**

- Legislative Rule indicates 3 certification levels; to add any more would require legislative change (89<sup>th</sup> Regular Leg Session, 2025)
- All programs must receive an on-site assessment of all Categories/applicable measures to receive a star rating.
- Boards must pay programs at minimum, an enhanced rate for each star level, at 5%, 7%, and 9% of their regular rate.

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#### **Current Process:**

- SIAs are determined based on overall star level dropping at the annual monitoring visit and only the specific Category(ies) that caused the drop are placed on the SIA.
- Sometimes requires the assessor to mathematically determine which category(ies) caused the overall star level drop.

# Processes and Protocols Additional Considerations

- **REVISE** eligibility requirements: Require all staff to have a TECPDS account
  - Current Process: at minimum, a Center Director account must be made
- **REVISE** Initial Screening Form Protocol: Require a threshold to request certification instead of using the initial screening form
  - Current Process: Programs determined ready for Initial Certification must comply with their facility specific Screening Form, which includes not having specified deficiencies within their most recent 12-month CCR history.

## Workgroup Considerations – Processes & Protocols

Any other process or protocol considerations to propose?



#### **Additional Topics**

#### Homework Assignment Due

- Alignment with:
  - Non-Traditional Hour Care (specifically only weekend or nighttime care provided)
  - School-Age Only Care (may or may not include summer care)
  - Single Skill Afterschool Care\* (i.e., karate or gymnastics)
  - Home-Based Care (registered or licensed)
  - Inclusive Care (Children with Special Needs)

(\*) licensed by CCR

- Questions asked:
  - Are there measures that are not applicable?
  - How do we account for programs who only provide this type of care?
  - Are there measures to be added to ensure high-quality of care?



## **Next Steps**

- Next virtual meeting is October 11 at 10:00 AM
- TRS4YearReview@twc.Texas.gov
- Next in-person will be November
   9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM 2:00 PM

