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This Technical Assistance (TA) Bulletin provides Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with information on a new series of free online courses developed by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System in collaboration with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' Child Care Licensing. Funds for the Texas AgriLife Infant and Toddler Training Courses were provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Boards are encouraged to inform parents and providers of the availability of these free courses.

The courses focus on enhancing the quality of infant and toddler child care programs through improved education for both providers and consumers. Each interactive course includes handouts, a narrated presentation, pre- and post-tests, and a printable certificate upon successful completion. The courses are offered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

**Courses for Parents and Families**

- Courses focus on educating parents and families of infants and toddlers in choosing quality regulated child care, communicating with child care providers, and monitoring children's well-being in care.
- The eight courses, running 10 hours, cover a variety of infant and toddler topics.

**Courses for Child Care Providers**

- Courses are designed to increase the safety of infants and toddlers in out-of-home care and to improve the quality of infant and toddler child care programs.
- The series provides education on important physical, social, and emotional needs of infants and toddlers.
- The nine courses, running 15 hours, comply with minimum standards and may count toward annual training hours.

Texas AgriLife Infant and Toddler Training Courses are available at:

- <http://infanttoddler.tamu.edu/>; or
- <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/childcare/ccinfo.html>.

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