Texas School ReadyTM Eligibility and Application Procedures

In accordance with the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Education Agency riders in each biennium, the State Center for Early Childhood Development, identified as Children's Learning Institute (CLI) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, implements the Texas School ReadyTM (TSR) Comprehensive program. TSR Comprehensive supports quality early education and school readiness in young children across the state. The research-validated, three-year professional development program provides high-intensity support to early education teachers in communities that are most in need of quality resources and individualized technical assistance. The TSR Comprehensive model includes ongoing teacher professional development and individualized coaching, child progress monitoring, and classroom curriculum and materials. TSR Comprehensive is proven to have a positive impact on the instructional practices of early childhood educators and the school readiness of the children in their classrooms. TSR Comprehensive is delivered in infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms. Teachers participate in coaching and professional development through in-person or remote/virtual delivery.

TSR Comprehensive is implemented in classrooms across the state through partnerships with local and regional organizations known as lead agents. Every two years, CLI opens a request for applications to recruit new organizations to serve as lead agents and deliver TSR Comprehensive in their local communities. Lead agents must be state, regional, or local organizations and/or have 501(c)(3) status. For more information, visit the TSR Comprehensive website.

TSR Comprehensive Eligibility

The following types of child care and early learning programs are eligible to participate in TSR Comprehensive if they meet certain requirements for child enrollment and eligibility by setting:

- Licensed child care centers (for-profit, nonprofit, and faith-based)
- Home-based child care (licensed or registered)
- School district and charter school prekindergarten (if in partnership or collaboration with child care or Head Start)
- Head Start

For more information about program eligibility, visit the TSR Comprehensive website.

TSR Comprehensive Program Application

Eligible child care and early learning programs may apply to participate in TSR Comprehensive through the <u>TSR online application</u>. After completing the application, eligible programs are placed on a waiting list for lead agents to reference when space becomes available.

TSR Comprehensive Resources

The professional development, child progress monitoring, classroom activities, and classroom observation tools originally developed for TSR Comprehensive are available at no cost to thousands of child care and early learning programs through TSR's online platform, CLI Engage. Access to these resources is available on the CLI Engage website.

For more information about Texas School ReadyTM, please visit the <u>TSR website</u>.