Become a Texas Rising Star Provider

Benefits of Becoming Texas Rising Star Certified
- Online professional development
- One-on-one mentoring
- Increased child subsidy reimbursements

Texas Rising Star is . . .
A voluntary, quality-based child care rating system of child care providers participating in the Texas Workforce Commission’s subsidized child care program.

Who can apply?
- Licensed centers
- Licensed child care home providers
- Registered child care home providers
- Child care providers operated by the U.S. Military

Enhanced Star Level Reimbursement
As the provider achieves each star level, it will be eligible for a higher reimbursement rate. Contact the local Board in your area to find out the specific reimbursement rate that is provided at each star level.

Across Texas, parents and families enroll their children into child care programs, including center-based and home-based programs. Numerous research studies have shown that at-risk children who attend higher quality child care programs are more prepared for school entry than children who do not attend quality child care programs.

www.TexasRisingStar.org

For more information, contact your local workforce development board at:

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Help Your Children Reach Their Full Potential!
Providers that voluntarily achieve TRS provider certification offer quality care that exceeds the State’s Minimum Child Care Licensing (CCL) Standards (in the five categories detailed below).

**Category 1: Director and Staff Qualifications and Training**
- Director qualifications and training
- Caregiver qualifications, orientation and training
- Caregiver qualifications and training

**Category 2: Caregiver-Child Interactions**
- Group size
- Staff ratios
- Warm and responsive style
- Language facilitation and support
- Play-based interactions and guidance
- Support for children’s regulation

**Category 3: Curriculum**
- Lesson plans and curriculum
- Planning for special needs and respecting diversity
- Instructional formats and approaches to learning

**Category 4: Nutrition and Indoor/Outdoor Activities**
- Nutrition
- Indoor learning environments
- Outdoor learning environments

**Category 5: Parent Education and Involvement**
- Parent Education
- Parent Involvement

A child care provider is eligible to apply for TRS certification if the provider has a current agreement to serve Commission-subsidized children and the provider:
- has a permanent (non-expiring) license or registration from CCL with at least 12 months of licensing history and is not on corrective action with CCL, TWC or the local Board; or
- is regulated by and in good standing with the U.S. Military.

Additionally, TRS providers must demonstrate consistent compliance with minimum state licensing requirements.

Please visit [www.TexasRisingStar.org](http://www.TexasRisingStar.org) for additional information and eligibility requirements.

Ready to apply to become a Texas Rising Star Certified Provider?
Follow these steps for applying to Texas Rising Star.
All documents are online at [www.TexasRisingStar.org](http://www.TexasRisingStar.org).

1. Watch the orientation video.
3. Complete one Facility Assessment. Caregivers may also complete the classroom self-assessment to check if they are ready for TRS certification; however, the classroom self-assessment is optional.
4. Complete the TRS Document Checklists, TRS Application, and appropriate Licensing Screening Form (After-School Programs, Home-Based Providers, or Licensed Centers).
5. Submit your completed TRS Self-Assessment, Document Checklists, TRS Application, and Licensing Screening Form to your local workforce development board.

For more information on the TRS application process, please visit [www.TexasRisingStar.org/Getting-Ready](http://www.TexasRisingStar.org/Getting-Ready) or review the TRS Certification Guidelines.