

Quality early learning programs help support your child's development and set him or her up for a successful future!



Did you know that 90% of the brain develops before age five?

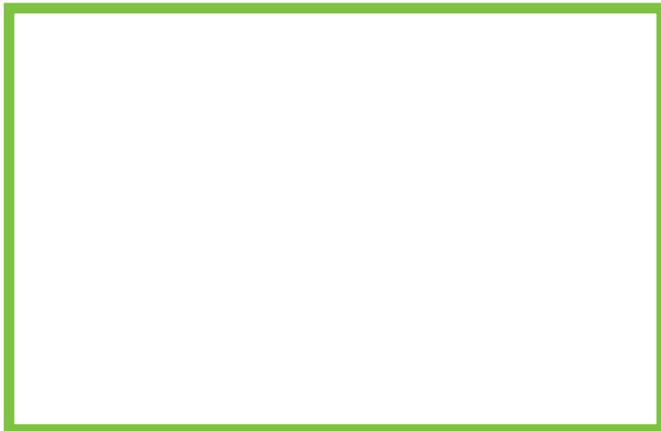
Choose a quality program and set your child on a path to success!
Please visit www.TexasRisingStar.org for more information about how you can select a high-quality program for your child.



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For more information, contact your Local Workforce Development Board at:



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**Child Care
Parent
Guide**



Set your child up for success

Look for the Stars



Selecting Quality Child Care

1. Begin your search for child care:

Go to

<https://find.frontlinechildcare.texas.gov>

to search for available care in your area. Texas Rising Star programs are highlighted. Be sure to click on “View certificates and inspection reports” within the child care program profile to understand any health and safety violations.

2. Determine your budget:

How much can you spend on child care each month? Visit your local Workforce Solutions Office to see if your family qualifies for subsidized child care (financial aid).

3. Understand the types of care provided:

Child care can take place in registered or licensed homes, centers, and after-school programs and during nontraditional hours.

4. Be a savvy shopper:

Once you find programs that meet your basic needs, visit them and ask for a tour. (See “What Does a Texas Rising Star Early Learning Program Provide?”) If you’ve selected a Texas Rising Star early learning program, your child will be attending a higher-quality program that is dedicated to helping your child succeed.



What is a Texas Rising Star?

Texas Rising Star early learning programs meet higher standards than the state’s minimum child care licensing standards and are dedicated to quality.

What might a Texas Rising Star Early Learning Program Provide?

- smaller class sizes and more teachers;
- teachers with higher education and ongoing training;
- positive and patient teachers;
- age-appropriate activities and quality curriculum for all ages;
- classrooms that help with learning and development, indoors and outdoors;
- support for learning at home; and
- community resources for family needs.

Levels of Certification



2-Star
*Meets some
quality
standards*



3-Star
*Meets most
quality
standards*



4-Star
*Meets nearly
all of quality
standards*

If your child is currently enrolled in a program that is not Texas Rising Star certified, we can help your child care provider with the process.

Have your provider visit
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for more details.