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Selecting a Child Care Provider

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Child Care Services


Workforce Solutions Texoma offers child care assistance to help low-income families pay for child care so parents/guardians can go to work or school.

Choosing a child care provider is one of the most important decisions you will make. Before making this decision, it is important to research potential providers.

You have the option to choose the provider type that meets your needs. You know best what works for your family.

Child Care Providers

Child Care providers who receive Texoma's child care reimbursement must meet federal, state and local guidelines. In Texas, all providers must meet Texas Child Care Licensing (CCL) standards.



Texas Child Care Licensing (CCL) is operated by Texas Health and Human Services (THHS). CCL is responsible for setting and enforcing the health and safety standards of children in regulated child care settings. They also conduct regular inspections and monitoring to ensure these standards are enforced.

Child care options in Texas include:

- Listed Family Home
- Registered Child Care Home
- Licensed Child Care Home
- Licensed Child Care Center

Types of Child Care Providers

- **Listed Family Home**

- Provides care and supervision for up to three unrelated children
- Care provided in primary caregiver's home
- No minimum standards or training requirements
- Not routinely inspected unless a negative report is received



- **Registered Child Care Home**

- Provides care and supervision for up to six unrelated children 13 or younger during school hours (plus six additional school-age children after school hours)
- Care provided in primary caregiver's home
- Must meet minimum standards
- At least one unannounced inspection every one to two years

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Types of Child Care Providers cont.

- **Licensed Child Care Home**

- Provides care and supervision to seven - twelve children age 13 or younger
 - Note: no more than 12 children allowed in care at any time, including children related to the caregiver
- Care provided in the primary caregiver's home
- Must meet minimum standards
- At least one unannounced inspection per year



- **Licensed Child Care Center**

- Provides care and supervision to seven or more children 13 or younger
- Care provided at a location other than the license holder's home
- Must meet minimum standards
- At least one unannounced inspection per year

Texas Rising Star



Texas Rising Star (TRS) is a quality rating and improvement system for Texas early childhood programs. This program is operated by Workforce Solutions Texoma in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties.

All center and home based child care providers can apply to participate in TRS if they meet certain eligibility criteria and meet higher quality standards than Child Care Licensing's minimum standards.

Looking for quality care in the Texoma area? Look for a Child Care Services provider that is also Texas Rising Star certified!

TRS Eligibility: Child care providers are eligible to apply for TRS certification if they:

- Have a current agreement to serve CCS children and
- a permanent license or registration and at least 12 months of licensing history from Child Care Licensing (CCL) or
- Are regulated by and in good standing with the US Military

Additional requirements can be found at: www.texasrisingstar.org



Selecting Care for Your Child

- **The Right Fit**

- Consider caregiver's education, experience and training
- Look for:
 - Features that will help your child thrive
 - Small group size
 - Comfortable and Clean Setting

- **Do Your Homework**

- Review online Child Care Licensing inspections
 - www.txchildcaresearch.org
- Ask friends, family and other parents for recommendations

- **Check Them Out**

- Visit each child care center or home you are interested in while children are present
- Check out activities and caregiver interactions
- Take your child to visit

Selecting Care for Your Child cont.

- **Meet the Caregiver or Director**
 - Ask questions, discuss concerns
 - Drop by later, unannounced, for a second visit
- **Put Yourself in Your Child's Shoes**
 - Do you feel safe and comfortable there?
 - Would you be happy spending your day there?
- **Resources**
 - www.childcareaware.org
 - www.childcare.gov
 - www.healthychildren.org
 - www.texaschildcaresolutions.org

Questions for the Child Care Provider

Questions to ask when interviewing a director or potential child care provider (caregiver)*

- How many children do you care for and how do you ensure that you meet all of their needs?
- What experience and training do you have in caring for children?
- What's a typical day like for a child in your care?
- How do you protect the health and safety of children in your care?
- How do you discipline children?
- How do you handle emergencies and under what circumstances will you contact me?
- How will you discuss progress and concerns related to my child?

*See the Facility Checklist included in the worksheet on the [Virtual Orientation and Workshops](#) page.

Assistance Finding a Child Care Provider

- **2-1-1**

- Free, anonymous social services hotline available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Dial 211 or go to www.211texas.org
- Find information about resources in your local community



- **Texas Health and Human Services Child Care Search**

- www.txchildcaresearch.org
- Search by:
 - Type of Operation
 - Location
 - Child Care Licensing information

- **Texas Child Care Solutions**

- www.texaschildcaresolutions.org
- Information to assist parents in making informed choices to meet their child care needs



Financial Assistance

Low-income families may be eligible for child care assistance if they are working or going to school or training.

Parents/Children who are in the following groups may receive priority access to child care services:

- Teens Who Need To Finish School
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Have recently been denied TANF and are working
- Former foster care youth (under age 23) with a child
- Parent(s) on military deployment
- Qualified Veterans
- Children experiencing homelessness
- Children with disabilities

Potentially eligible individuals may be placed on a wait list if funds are not available at the time you request assistance.

Next Steps

If you need financial assistance for child care:

- Go to www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com
- Click **Child Care**
 - Select the option to Begin the Child Care Wait List Application

LOCATIONS

COOKE COUNTY

1311 North Grand Ave.
Suite 200
Gainesville, TX 76240
940-665-1121

FANNIN COUNTY

1205B E. Sam Rayburn Dr
Bonham, TX 75416
903-640-0222

GRAYSON COUNTY

2415 South Austin Ave.
Suite 105
Denison, TX 75020
903-463-9997

1-888-813-1992

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