



## PARENT INFORMATION FOR CHOOSING A CHILD CARE PROVIDER

### Parent Choice of Provider Types

You have the option to choose the provider type that best meets your child care needs. Provider types include:

- Licensed child care centers
- Licensed child care homes
- Registered child care homes

To learn more about these provider types, visit the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) website at: [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Care/Other\\_Child\\_Care\\_Information/childcare\\_types.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Other_Child_Care_Information/childcare_types.asp)

You may also choose an eligible relative. Relatives are required to undergo background checks and list with DFPS.

### Department of Family and Protective Services

The Department of Family and Protective Services inspects and monitors child care providers. You can view child care providers for their compliance with state standards at:

[http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Care/Dont\\_Be\\_In\\_The\\_Dark/default.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Dont_Be_In_The_Dark/default.asp)

### Choosing a Quality Child Care provider

Choosing a high quality program can have a significant impact on your child's readiness for success in kindergarten and later grades. Children who attend high quality programs can make significant gains in their knowledge, skills, and abilities. In Texas, child care programs can pursue higher quality through several avenues. Texas Rising Star is one of these options for child care providers, and for parents looking for high quality child care for their children. Additionally, child care providers participating in the Texas School Ready! grant program provide quality child care services focusing on preschool children.

You can find more information at:

<http://texaschildcaresolutions.org/quality-child-care/>

### Texas Rising Star

The Texas Rising Star program is a voluntary, quality-based child care rating system of child care providers participating in the Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized child care program. TRS Certification is available to Licensed Center and Licensed and Registered Child Care Home providers

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who meet the certification criteria. The TRS Provider certification system offers three levels of certification (Two-Star, Three-Star, and Four-Star) to encourage providers to attain progressively higher certification requirements leading to a Four-Star level.

You can find more information at:

<https://texasrisingstar.org/parents/>

Your Board may have a policy that allows for a reduction in your Parent Share of Cost if you choose a Texas Rising Star provider. Inquire with your case manager about this possible policy.

**By selecting a child care provider and entering into child care services, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information regarding Choosing a Child Care Provider.**

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