



Workforce Solutions Child Care Services
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Child Care Options

Families eligible for child care assistance choose their own child care providers from the available options, using either a Regulated Provider or a Relative Provider. The following information will help you with choosing a child care provider. A *Checklist for Choosing a Child Care Facility* is also available to help you with this decision.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Child Care Licensing registers or licenses (regulates) three types of child care facilities.

- Registered Child Care Homes provide care for no more than 6 children under the age of 14, plus no more than 6 additional school-age children in the provider's own home.
- Licensed Child Care Homes provide care for no more than 12 children under the age of 14 in a home setting.
- Licensed Child Care Centers provide care for more than 13 children under the age of 14 in a child care facility.

All of these are required to comply with the Minimum Standards for their type of facility and are subject to regular monitoring by Day Care Licensing.

Texas Rising Star (TRS) Providers have volunteered to meet standards higher than the minimum standards monitored by Day Care Licensing and are indicated by ** on the CCS Provider List. TRS providers have fewer children with each caregiver and lesson plans that include activities to specifically develop large muscle, small muscle, learning/thinking and social skills. Some providers may participate in the Texas School Ready (TSR) program designed to improve school readiness, early learning and reading skills and are marked with TSR on the provider list. Some providers may have met national accreditation standards as well, and they are marked with NAEYC on the provider list.

Providers may further limit the ages of the children they care for. Providers may provide after-school pickup or morning transportation for specific elementary schools.

Child Care Services Providers are Registered Family Child Care Homes and Licensed Child Care Homes or Centers who have signed provider agreements with Child Care Services.

If you want to use a relative provider or a licensed or registered provider who has not signed a CCS Provider Agreement, you may do so through the Self-Arranged Child Care (SACC) option. The relative must not live with the child (except a teen parent's child) and must be your child's grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt or uncle, or adult sibling. Proof of relationship may be required. All SACC providers must be at least 18 years of age. Relative providers providing child care must become a Listed Family Home with TDFPS Day Care Licensing. Providers must qualify before child care may begin.

Both the parent and the provider in a SACC arrangement must attend an Information Session within 30 days after you inform Child Care Services you want to use a SACC provider.

