

APPLICATION FOR TEXAS RISING STAR PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

Texas Rising Star (TRS) Provider certification is voluntary and recognizes enrolled child care providers who exceed minimum Child Care Licensing (CCL) standards and who meet certain additional criteria. All child care providers that have agreements with a Board's child care contractor are eligible to apply for assessment and certification.

Initial Application

Recertification Application

TRS Provider Name: _____

Child Care Licensing #: _____

Site Address: _____

Facility Phone: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Owner: _____

Director: _____

TYPE OF FACILITY

- Licensed Center (all ages)
- Licensed Child Care Home
- Registered Child Care Home
- Licensed Center (school-age only)

TYPE OF NATIONAL ACCREDITATION (if applicable)

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- National Accreditation Commission for Early Child Care and Education Program (NAC)
- National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)
- Council on Accreditation (COA)
- AdvancED Quality Early Learning System (QELS)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

The Texas Rising Star (TRS) Certification Guidelines contain prerequisites that must be met in order for a child care provider to be assessed (see the Facility Self-Assessment, Classroom Self-Assessment, and Document Checklists). The contracted child care provider's signature below is assurance that these requirements are fully met and the assessment/certification process may be initiated. (Nationally accredited child care providers or child care providers regulated by the U.S military do not undergo an Initial Certification Assessment; however, they must submit the TRS Application, TRS Self-Assessment, and the TRS Screening Form).

A child care provider is eligible to apply for the TRS program if the provider has a current agreement to serve Commission-subsidized children and:

- (1) has a permanent (non-expiring) license or registration from CCL;
- (2) has at least 12 months of licensing history with CCL; and is not on:
 - corrective action with a Board pursuant to Subchapter F of chapter 809 of the Texas Administrative Code;
 - a "Notice of Freeze" with the Commission pursuant to Chapter 213 of the Texas Labor Code (Enforcement of Texas Unemployment Compensation Act) or Chapter 61 of the Texas Labor Code (Payment of Wages); or
 - corrective or adverse action with CCL
- (3) is regulated by and in good standing with the US Military.
- (4) viewed the TRS provider orientation video.

A child care provider is also subject to CCL requirements as outlined in the TRS Certification Guidelines and the TRS Screening forms. The provider must complete the TRS Screening form as an attestation of eligibility.

By signing below, I attest that I understand and meet the eligibility and application requirements of Section 809.131 of the Child Care Services Rules listed above.

I understand and agree to abide by the responsibilities and requirements set forth by Chapter 809, Subchapter G of the Child Care Rules and the TRS Guidelines and that my TRS certification may be impacted if I or my child care facility:

- is on corrective or adverse action with CCL, the Local Workforce Development Board, and/or TWC;
- has substantial or critical high-risk licensing deficiencies as described in Section 2 of the TRS Guidelines;
- fails to comply with annual unannounced monitoring visits;
- fails to communicate any changes in my facility (owner/director/staff/location, etc.) in a timely manner to my local Board as applicable

Name/Title of person authorized to contract for facility: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____