

Texas Rising Star Four Year Review 2023

Recommendations

Public Stakeholder Feedback



Texas 
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Agenda

Recommendations

- Screening Forms
- Categorical Measures
- Protocols/Processes
- Specialty Programs

Next Steps



Recommendations Overview - Screening

Changes to screening programs' licensing histories:

- New/Entry Level providers: *Initial Screening Form* process
- Star-Level certified providers: *Certified Screening Form* process
- Reinstatement of certification after impact process
- New automated screening process



Revised Initial Screening Form

Initial Review for Licensed Child Care Centers	
1.	Facility has CCR licensing history for the 12-month period? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of Review: <input type="text"/> Review 12-month CCR licensing history Stop process if "No"
2.	On Corrective or Adverse Action with CCR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No On Corrective Action with Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No On Notice of Freeze with TWC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Cited for 746.3707 (b-d) by CCR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Has 15 or more total CCR weighted High and/or Medium-High Deficiencies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Stop process if "Yes" for any of the above.
3.	CCR Deficiency Review Facility is unable to be certified as Texas Rising Star if they have received any of the following deficiencies listed below: <input type="checkbox"/> 745.635 Criminal Convictions or Central Registry Findings – Take Appropriate Action <input type="checkbox"/> 745.641 Background Checks Requirement – Providing Direct Care <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1201(4) Responsibilities of Employees and Caregivers – Ensure No Child is Abused, Neglected, or Exploited <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1201(5) Responsibilities of Employees and Caregivers – Report Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation <input type="checkbox"/> 745.621 Background Checks Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1003 Director Responsibilities <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1201(1) Responsibilities of Employees and Caregivers – Demonstrate Competency, Good Judgment, Self-Control <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1203(4) Responsibilities of Caregivers – Supervision of Children <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1315 First Aid and CPR Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 746.2805 Prohibited Punishments <input type="checkbox"/> 746.3805(a) Administering Medication – How to Administer Medication <input type="checkbox"/> 746.3805(b) Administering Medication – How to Administer Medication Stop process if any of the above have been received within the previous 12-months.
4.	Total Points Review Facility is unable to be Texas Rising Star if they have received 50 or more total points (when reviewing CCR weighted High and/or Medium-High Deficiencies received within the previous 12-months). Total points received: <input type="text"/> Total number of High Deficiencies: <input type="text"/> Total points of High Deficiencies (5 points each): <input type="text"/> Total number of Medium-High Deficiencies: <input type="text"/> Total points of Medium-High Deficiencies (3 points each): <input type="text"/> Does the facility have more than 50 total points? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Stop process if "Yes"

- Remove specific deficiencies and indicate total High and Medium-High deficiencies
- Stop process if the program exceeds 50 points



Texas Rising Star-Certified Screening Form—Centers

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

Director Name: _____

License #: _____

Texas Rising Star-certified Licensed Child Care Centers

1.	<p>Facility has CCR licensing history for the 12-month period before the date of the Texas Rising Star monitoring/recertification visit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of CCR Review: _____ Review 12-month CCR licensing history</p>
2.	<p>On Corrective or Adverse Action with CCR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No On Corrective Action with Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No On Notice of Freeze with TWC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Cited for 746.3707 (b-d) by CCR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Has 15 or more total CCR weighted High and/or Medium-High Deficiencies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Has incurred 3rd consecutive probation (any level)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, denote previous probation start dates in last 3 years:____) Has incurred 5th probation (any level) within last 3 years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, denote previous probation start dates in last 3 years:____) Place on suspension if "Yes" for any criterion above.</p>
3.	<p>STAR-LEVEL DROP Facility is dropped one star level for <u>each occurrence</u> if it has received any of the following deficiencies listed below. Two-Star facilities will be placed on suspension.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 745.635 Criminal Convictions or Central Registry Findings – Take Appropriate Action <input type="checkbox"/> 745.641 Background Checks Requirement – Providing Direct Care <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1201(4) Responsibilities of Employees and Caregivers – Ensure No Child is Abused, Neglected, or Exploited <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1201(5) Responsibilities of Employees and Caregivers – Report Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation</p> <p>Date star level drop is effective: <i>For any facility on a 6-month star-level reduction, no additional deficiencies denoted in this section can be incurred within that 6-month time frame to be reinstated at the previous certified star level.</i></p>
4.	<p>PROBATION A Facility is placed on Probation A if it has <u>any</u> of the following deficiencies listed below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 745.621 Background Checks Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1003(1,3-6) Director Responsibilities <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1201(1) Responsibilities of Employees and Caregivers – Demonstrate Competency, Good Judgment, Self-Control <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1205(a)(4), 1203(4)-Responsibilities of Caregivers – Supervision of Children <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1315 First Aid and CPR Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 746.1601 <u>Child/Caregiver Ratios</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 746.2805 Prohibited Punishments <input type="checkbox"/> 746.3805(a) Administering Medication – How to Administer Medication <input type="checkbox"/> 746.3805(b) Administering Medication – How to Administer Medication</p> <p><i>If facility is cited for any Probation A deficiencies within the 6-month probation, without exceeding 14 total High and/or Medium-High deficiencies, the facility loses a star level (Two-Star facilities will be placed on suspension) and a second 6-month Probation A is established at the point of discovery. If facility is cited for any Probation A deficiencies within the second 6-month probation, facility will be placed on suspension.</i></p> <p>Date probation is effective: Denote which probation: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <i>For any facility on a 6-month star-level reduction due to consecutive Probation A, no additional deficiencies denoted in this section can be incurred within that 6-month time frame to be reinstated at the previous certified star level.</i></p>
5.	<p>PROBATION B Facility is placed on Probation B if it has <u>40–44 total received more than 50 total points (based on CCR weighted High and/or Medium-High deficiencies).</u></p> <p>Total points received: Total number of High and/or Medium-High Deficiencies: _____ Total points of High Deficiencies (6 points each): Total number of Medium-High Deficiencies: _____ Total points of Medium-High Deficiencies (3 points each):</p> <p><i>If any additional CCR weighted High and/or Medium-High deficiencies are incurred but do not exceed 44-75 points total, within this 6-month probation, the facility loses a star level for 6-months (Two-Star facilities will be placed on suspension) and a second 6-month Probation B is established at the point of discovery. If new High and/or Medium-High deficiencies are incurred (not to exceed 75 points total) within the second 6-month probation, facility will be placed on suspension.</i></p> <p>Date probation is effective: Denote which probation: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd</p>

Revised Certified Form

- Clarification of reinstatement for star-level drops
- Revised Director Responsibilities standard
- Added Child/Caregiver Ratio standard
- Revised Supervision standard due to CCR change
- Probation B as a total points (50) impact



Recommendations Overview

Category 1: Director/Staff Qualifications & Training

- Split training measures
- Defined school-age director
- Revised allowable qualifications
- Added WF Registry participation points-based measure

Facility Type	Proposed NEW Measure	Description and/or supporting evidence
All Facilities	<p>P-CTQ-04 STAFF WORKFORCE REGISTRY Staff, not including the director, participate in the Texas Workforce Registry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score of 0: Only the required center director account is created. • Score of 1: All administrative accounts are created and utilized. • Score of 2: All administrative accounts and at least 25% of total staff accounts are created and utilized. • Score of 3: All administrative accounts and more than 50% of total staff accounts are created and utilized. <p>N/A: for homes with no additional staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define <i>utilized</i> as has uploaded education and at least current and/or previous training year certificates • Define <i>staff</i> as any employed person that is required to obtain annual training hours that is not considered administrative. • Define <i>administrative</i> as any employee that is considered administrative staff (assistant director, office, curriculum coordinator, school-age managers)

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Category 2: Teacher-Child Interactions

- ❑ Revised scoring criteria for consistency & measures for clarification and removed a duplicative measure
- ❑ NEW measure related to classrooms utilizing child progress monitoring tools

Age Group	Measure	Score of 0	Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3
Infant, Toddler and Preschool	Classroom uses child progress monitoring tools to guide their instructional planning for the children in their class.	❑ Classroom utilizes informal child progress monitoring tools for observing child progress, but it does not inform instruction.	❑ Classroom utilizes informal child progress monitoring tools for observing child progress, and it is used to inform instruction.	❑ Classroom uses a formal child progress monitoring tool for observing child progress, and it is used to inform instruction. Classroom can pair formal with informal tools.	❑ Classroom uses a formal child progress monitoring tool for observing child progress, and it is used to inform instruction. Additionally, a system is in place to support children's transitions between age groups/ classrooms and/or into kindergarten.



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Category 3: Program Administration

- Revised three measures for clarification and changes to School-Age Only
- Revised Parent Policy measure to omit duplication and added developmental screening and early intervention support, as well as condensing challenging behaviors
- Removed 3 measures:
 - Challenging behaviors (condensed into Parent Policy)
 - Both Child Assessment measures
- NEW measure related to required developmental screenings (0-5 years)



New Category 3 Measure - Checklists

NEW Required Structural Measure (Met/Not Met)

Facility Type	Proposed Revised Measure
All Facilities except School Age-Only Programs	<p data-bbox="565 645 1294 682">DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONE CHECKLISTS</p> <p data-bbox="565 702 2270 916">The program uses developmental milestone checklists to support identifying developmental delays for children ages 0-5 years, makes referrals when necessary, and shares those completed checklists with families. Programs may replace the developmental milestone checklist with a formal child progress monitoring tool to be considered as met.</p> <p data-bbox="565 996 2181 1033">Evidence: Developmental Milestone Checklists (sample completed for each age group served)</p>



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Category 4: Learning Environments and Protocol Revisions

- Category 4

- Revised 2 measures for clarification

- Protocols

- Facility Change Process: retaining certification with initial permit (up to 6 months); assessment within 3-months



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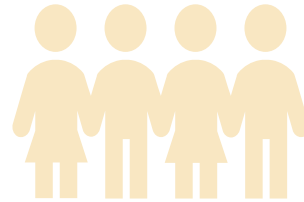
Specialty Programs



Homes



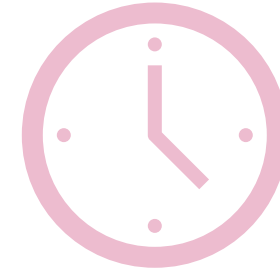
School-Age Only



Inclusive Care



Single Skill After School



Non-Traditional Care Only

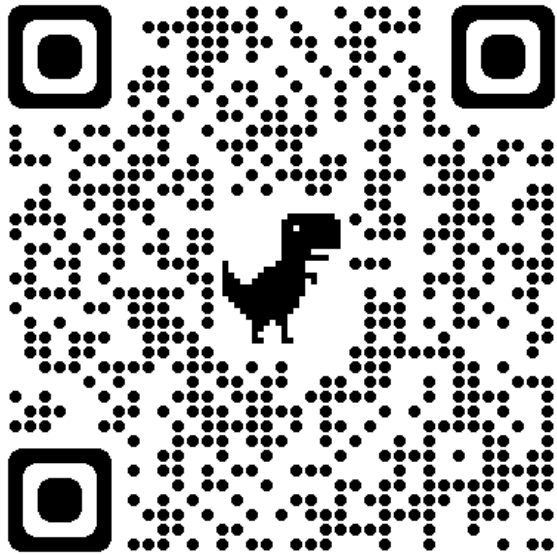


Next Steps

ACTION	DATE
Stakeholder Input on Draft Guidelines & Rule Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct statewide survey and public stakeholder meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Late January-February 2024
Commission Action on Final Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission Action – Publication of Proposed Rules and draft Guidelines for public comment• Commission Action – Approval of Final Rules and Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 23, 2024• September 10, 2024
Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rule Amendments• Conduct trainings and full implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective October 1, 2024• By October 31, 2024



Thank You



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