

# Public Meeting

*October 21, 2022*



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Welcome!

Thank you for joining this meeting. We will begin shortly.

Members of the public are still able request to provide oral public comment today by emailing their request to [megan.schneider@tea.texas.gov](mailto:megan.schneider@tea.texas.gov). Please include your name (as it appears in Zoom), email, organization you are representing, and agenda topic being addressed.

# Agenda

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1. Call to Order
2. July 2022 Minutes Approval
3. Public Comment
4. Early Childhood Data Roadmap Work Group
5. Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five
6. Federal Stimulus Funding Update
7. Legislative Update
8. Updates from TELC Members
9. Upcoming Early Childhood Events
10. 2023 Meeting Dates
11. Adjourn

# Public Comment

Earlylearningtexas.org has a section called Meetings. This houses all the meeting information for past and upcoming meetings as well as the agenda once it's released. Public agendas are posted a minimum of one week prior to the meeting date, along with instructions for submitting public comment.

- Please provide your name, organization, and the agenda topic you are commenting on for the record.
- Each speaker will be allotted three minutes to provide your public comment. When you hear a chime sound at the two-minute mark, this indicates that you will have one minute remaining to wrap up comments.
- Work group members may ask questions after each speaker concludes.

# Data Roadmap Work Group Update

# Stakeholder Engagement

- Survey
  - Approximately 65 respondents from over 40 groups and organizations
- Focus Groups
  - 8 focus groups conducted in August and September
  - Included representation from:
    - \* Advocate groups
    - \* ECE service providers (teachers/administrators and program directors)
    - \* Parents
    - \* Researchers
    - \* State agency staff & data systems users

# Roadmap Draft Outline

- **Executive summary**
- **Introduction**
- **What is an ECIDS?**
- **Current early childhood collaboration in Texas**
- **Data initiatives that can support ECIDS development**
- **Current early childhood data systems**
- **Lessons learned from other states**
- **Timeline: short- and mid-term planning (shaped by stakeholder feedback)**
- **Recommendations and considerations for Texas' next steps**
  - \*Including recommended use cases and guiding policy questions (shaped by stakeholder feedback)

# Third Sector Intelligence Data Landscape

## Project timeline summary:

- Prepare, conduct data discovery, gather available documentation: **1 month**
- Conduct data landscape analysis, prepare draft report: **3 months**
- Review, resolve questions, incorporate feedback, finalize report: **1 month**

## Summary report will contain:

- A high-level **map of existing data systems** and which data flow across systems
- **Documentation of any common identifiers** across disparate data systems
- Preliminary **mapping of available data to data elements needed for foundational use cases**
- **Preliminary assessment of gaps** in needed data and options to mitigate these gaps

# Upcoming Roadmap Work Group Meetings

- October 28<sup>th</sup> Work Group Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am
- *Second Stakeholder Survey: November (TBD)*
- November 29<sup>th</sup> Work Group Meeting, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- December 20<sup>th</sup> Work Group Meeting, 3:30 – 5:00 pm (if needed)
- *Texas Early Learning Council Meeting: January (TBD)*



# Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five

On September 12, 2022, the Administration for Children and Families posted the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant.

- Award amount: Texas is eligible for up to **\$16 million per year**
- Project cycle: **three-years** with an anticipated start date of December 31, 2022
- Closing date for applications: **November 7, 2022**

## **Grant activities:**

Activity One: Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Needs Assessment

Activity Two: Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Strategic Plan

Activity Three: Maximize Parent and Family Engagement in the B-5 System

Activity Four: Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices

Activity Five: Support Program Quality Improvement

Activity Six: Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs and/or Systems Enhancement

# PDG B-5 Program Purposes

The PDG B-5 Renewal Grant will fund states to build upon their initial grant activities, while considering the **changing needs of children and families** created by the COVID 19 Pandemic and **investing in strategies that will address those needs**, supporting and strengthening the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) **workforce**, enhancing **quality**, expanding **access** to early childhood services for children, particularly those in high-need communities, and creating **seamless early learning experiences** from birth through third grade.

# PDG B-5 Priorities and Approaches

- Support the early childhood workforce
- Promote an integrated birth to five early childhood care and education system
- Promote early childhood care and education sustainability
- Expand meaningful community and family engagement and leadership
- Ensure inclusion of children with, or at risk of, disabilities
- Address suspensions, expulsions, and other exclusionary practices
- Incorporate trauma-informed approaches
- Develop and implement coordinated application, eligibility, and enrollment systems
- Alignment with Child Care and Development Fund activities
- Support effective and appropriate transitions
- Build infant-toddler care capacity
- Provide services to underserved children

# PDG B-5 Listening Session Results

Below are the top three priorities out of the eleven provided from a total of 63 respondents.

**Support the Early Childhood Workforce**

1

**Promote Sustainability**

2

**Develop Coordinated Systems**  
Application, Eligibility & Enrollment

3

# PDG B-5 Texas Application Overview

## **2019 Texas Early Learning Strategic Plan Goals:**

- Early Childhood program in Texas are aligned to ensure children are ready to learn by kindergarten.
- Each community has a plan for a coordinated system of early childhood services.
- Families are equipped with knowledge and tools they need to be their child's primary caregiver.
- All families have access to a variety of high-quality programs and the information needed to discern which programs are the best fit for their child.
- Early childhood professionals are well-qualified and have access to the supports and training needed to improve kindergarten readiness and the resources to ensure they have a successful career serving children.
- Texas has strong coordination across its early childhood system and the underlying data system to support a high degree of collaboration.

## **Draft PDG B-5 Initiatives:**

- Connect families to services
- Expand access to quality settings
- Support local ECCE systems building
- Engage families as leaders
- Strengthen the ECCE workforce
- Build the ECCE workforce
- Develop statewide integrated data systems

# Federal Stimulus Funding Update

*Allison Wilson, Texas Workforce Commission*

## **Child Care Development Block Grant**

**Ninth Tranche of New Initiatives** (September 27, 2022):

- Prospective Payments for Child Care Services Providers (est. \$50M)
- Child Care Industry Expansion, Capacity-Building Awards Increase (\$75M)
- Engage Platform and Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System (TECPDS) Enhancements (\$2.5M)
- Child Care Relief Fund Modification to update Deserts and Texas Rising Star Status
- Additional Child Care Relief Fund Payment for Child Care Services Providers (\$500M)

## **Updates to TWC's child care federal stimulus website**

- Website: <https://www.twc.texas.gov/news/child-care-stimulus-resources>
- Information on the funding allocated to Texas, projects approved, and available balances that remain for future investments

# DFPS Legislative Update



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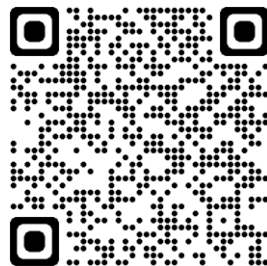
Department of Family  
and Protective Services

Prevention and  
Community Well-Being

Exceptional item request to expand prevention and community well-being services:

| Program   | Annual Amounts  |
|---|-----------------|
| Family and Youth Success (FAYS)                             | \$ 7 Million    |
| Community Youth Development (CYD)                           | \$ 4 Million    |
| Healthy Outcomes through Prevention & Early Support (HOPES) | \$ 18 Million   |
| Texas Home Visiting (THV)                                   | \$ 10.5 Million |
| Nurse Family Partnerships (NFP)                             | \$ 2 Million    |
| Prevention Campaign + staffing                              | \$ 2.3 Million  |

[Full Legislative Appropriations Request linked here](#)



# TWC Legislative Update

*Reagan Miller, Texas Workforce Commission*

## **\$35 million State General Revenue (SGR) Exceptional Item Request for Child Care Funding**

- Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Matching Funds increased approximately \$52 million per year
- TWC can meet the matching requirement in FY23 and FY24, but additional state funding is needed to access the \$52 million in FY25
- The additional \$35 million in SGR will allow TWC to serve approximately 13,000 kids per day; the \$52 million in federal matching funds will allow TWC to serve approximately 19,585 kids per day
- In total, if approved, TWC anticipates serving a total of approximately 140,000 children per day in the FY24-25 biennium

## **\$4.2 million Capital Budget Request for a Child Care Web-based Consumer Portal**

- The childcare.texas.gov project will provide a single child care information hub to engage with all constituents to provide access to a wide array of resources
- Currently child care consumer information is available through multiple websites
  - <https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/childcare>
  - <https://texaschildcaresolutions.org/>
  - <https://texasrisingstar.org/>
- The goal is to create a comprehensive child care consumer information website, using the <https://www.childcare.texas.gov/> URL, which is currently focused on child care business supports





# Updates from TELC Members

# Events

## **Children At Risk:**

### [ECE Texas Tour](#)

Oct 27 – Austin

Nov 1 – Amarillo

Nov 7 – Ft. Worth

Nov 8 – Virtual

Nov 17 – Midland/Odessa

Save the Date:

March 21, 2023 at 10am

Early Childhood Education Rally Day

Interested in co-hosting? Email [lgiegel@childrenatrisk.org](mailto:lgiegel@childrenatrisk.org).

# 2023 Meeting Dates

11am to 1pm CT

- Friday, January 20
- Friday, April 21
- Friday, July 21
- Friday, October 20

# Adjourn



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Next meeting:

January 20, 2023

11am – 1pm CT