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Texas Workforce Commission Announces Texas Rising Star Workgroup Public Meeting

AUSTIN — The Texas Rising Star (TRS) Workgroup will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 20 at 9 a.m. to receive input on draft recommendations for TRS measures. The meeting will take place in Room 304 of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) building located at 1117 Trinity St. in Austin.

TRS is a TWC certification program aimed at improving the quality of child care services provided in Texas. A Texas Rising Star Provider is a licensed or registered child care provider that voluntarily meets requirements exceeding the state's minimum licensing standards for child care facilities. The TRS program provides graduated levels of certification as providers meet progressively higher certification requirements.

House Bill 376 enacted by the 83rd Texas Legislature called for the establishment of the TRS Workgroup for the purpose of reviewing the certification criteria and providing recommendations to TWC no later than May 1, 2014. More information about the TRS Workgroup is available on the TWC website:

www.texasworkforce.org/svcs/childcare/texas-rising-star-workgroup.html

Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide input to the TRS Workgroup at the March 20 public meeting. The TRS Workgroup is seeking comments on the draft recommendations on TRS structure posted at www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/childcare/trs-recommendations-public-comment.pdf.

In addition to the public meeting, comments may be emailed to: TRSWorkgroup376@twc.state.tx.us no later than March 28, 2014.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids, services or special accommodations should contact Kim Bergmann at 512-463-7903 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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