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This Technical Assistance (TA) Bulletin provides information to Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) on:

- the name change of the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) to the Texas School Ready! (TSR!) Grant Project;
- the name change as it relates to the enhanced reimbursement rate; and
- contact information for TSR! Grant Project regional managers and coordinators.

TEEM has been renamed the TSR! Grant Project. Research gathered through TEEM, as directed by Senate Bill (SB) 76 and SB 23, 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2009), laid the groundwork for the TSR! Grant Project. The components of the TSR! Grant Project remain the same as those under TEEM.

Note: Participation in the TSR! Grant Project is not TSR certification.

Under Texas Workforce Commission Child Care Services rule §809.20(b)(1), child care providers participating in integrated school readiness models developed by the State Center for Early Childhood Development (State Center) are eligible for the enhanced reimbursement rate. This includes child care providers participating in the TSR! Grant Project.

Some child care providers participating in TEEM prior to it becoming the TSR! Grant Project may not have been informed about the name change. Additionally, some former child care providers may not have been informed that they were not renewed under the TSR! Grant Project. Providers that have not been renewed under the TSR! Grant Project will no longer be eligible to receive enhanced reimbursement rates. Boards can use the date on which they discover that a provider has not been renewed as the date the provider's eligibility for the enhanced reimbursement rate ends.

TSR! Grant Project regional coordinators maintain a list of participating child care providers. Contact information for the regional managers and coordinators is provided in Attachment 1.

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