

### **Why Quality Child Care Matters**

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# Why Quality Child Care Matters

Quality child care is quality early education, and leads to...



Improved School-Readiness and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Levels



Higher Graduation Rates and a Better Prepared Workforce



**More Working Families** 



...especially for low income children.

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### Subsidized Child Care in Texas

22. Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend23. Workforce Solutions Lower Rio Grande Valley

Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande
 Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast

24. Workforce Solutions Cameron25. Workforce Solutions Texoma26. Workforce Solutions of Central Texas

Funding from federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

Subsidies administered by Texas
Workforce Commission (TWC) through
local workforce boards

Licensed centers, licensed homes, and registered homes eligible to receive subsidies



#### Map of Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Boards) Workforce Solutions Panhandle Workforce Solutions South Plains Workforce Solutions North Texas Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions East Texas Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Workforce Solutions Borderplex Workforce Solutions Permian Basin Workforce Solutions Concho Valley Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas 14. Workforce Solutions Capital Area 10 15. Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area 16. Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas Workforce Solutions Golden Crescent 20. Workforce Solutions Alamo 21. Workforce Solutions for South Texas

Source: Texas Workforce Commission. (2016). Workforce development boards' websites.

Retrieved from http://www.twc.state.tx.us/partners/workforce-development-boards-websites

### Qualifications to Receive Subsidies

• Generally, children may receive childcare subsidies if they meet the following criteria:

Their families are low income, they are receiving or needing protective services, or their parents are receiving or transitioning off of public assistance

They are under the age of 13

Their parent(s) require child care to work or to attend job training or an education program



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## Problems Facing Child Care in Texas



Low participation in Texas Rising Star (TRS) quality program



Little coordination among key stakeholders

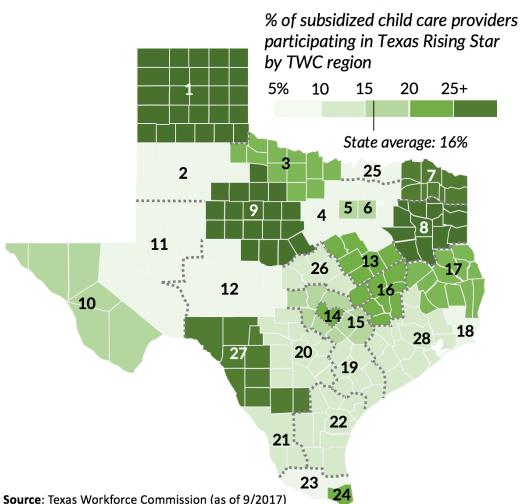


Limited access to quality providers



## Texas Rising Star Participation by TWC Board

# Texas Rising Star certifications among subsidy providers vary across TWC board regions



1. Panhandle: 29%

2. South Plains: 6%

3. North Texas: 22%

4. North Central Texas: 10%

5. Tarrant County: 19%

6. Greater Dallas: 16%

7. Northeast Texas: 32%

8. East Texas: 31%

9. West Central Texas: 31%

10. Borderplex: 19%

11. Permian Basin: 9%

12. Concho Valley: 5%

13. The Heart of Texas: 22%

14. Capital Area: 24%

15. Rural Capital Area: 20%

16. Brazos Valley: 23%

17. Deep East Texas: 19%

18. Southeast Texas: 6%

19. Golden Crescent: 14%

20. Alamo: 13%

21. South Texas: 12%

22. Coastal Bend: 17%

23. Lower Rio Grande Valley: 9%

24. Cameron: 21%

25. Texoma: 9%

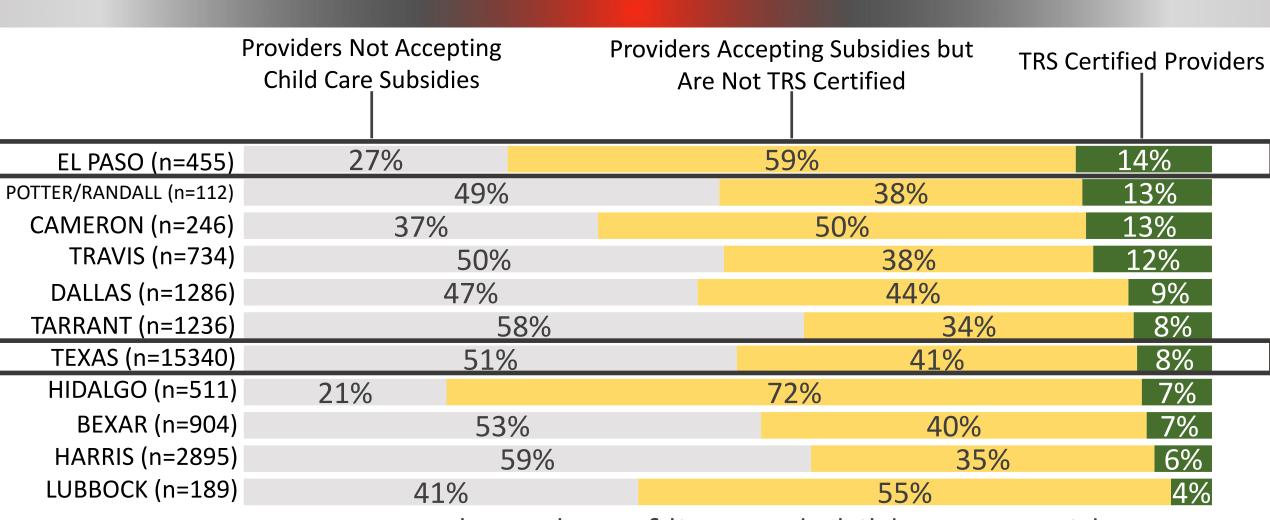
26. Central Texas: 14%

27. Middle Rio Grande: 28%

28. Gulf Coast: 13%



### Subsidy and Texas Rising Star Participation by Region

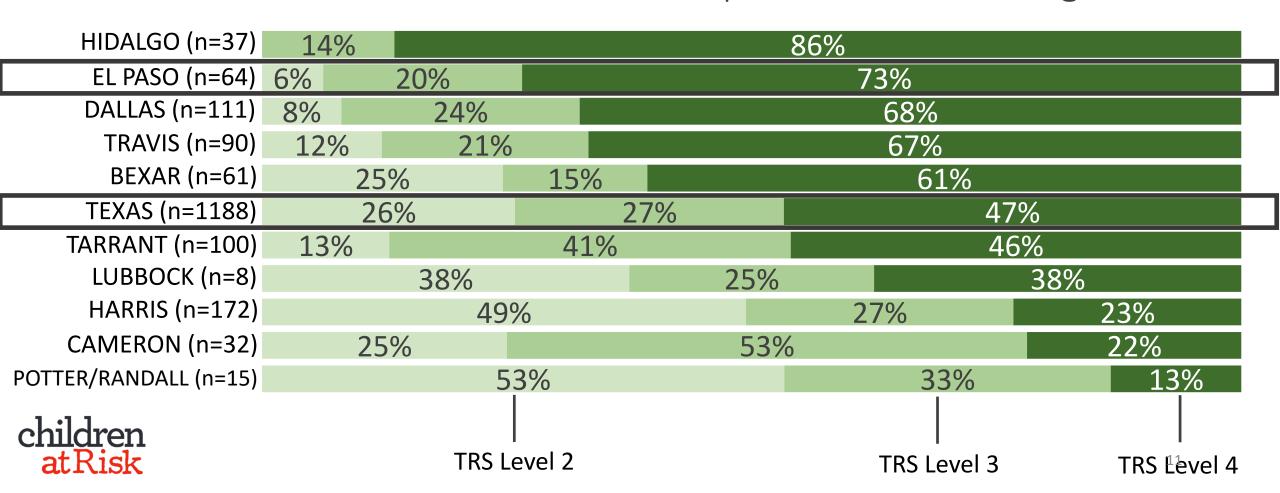




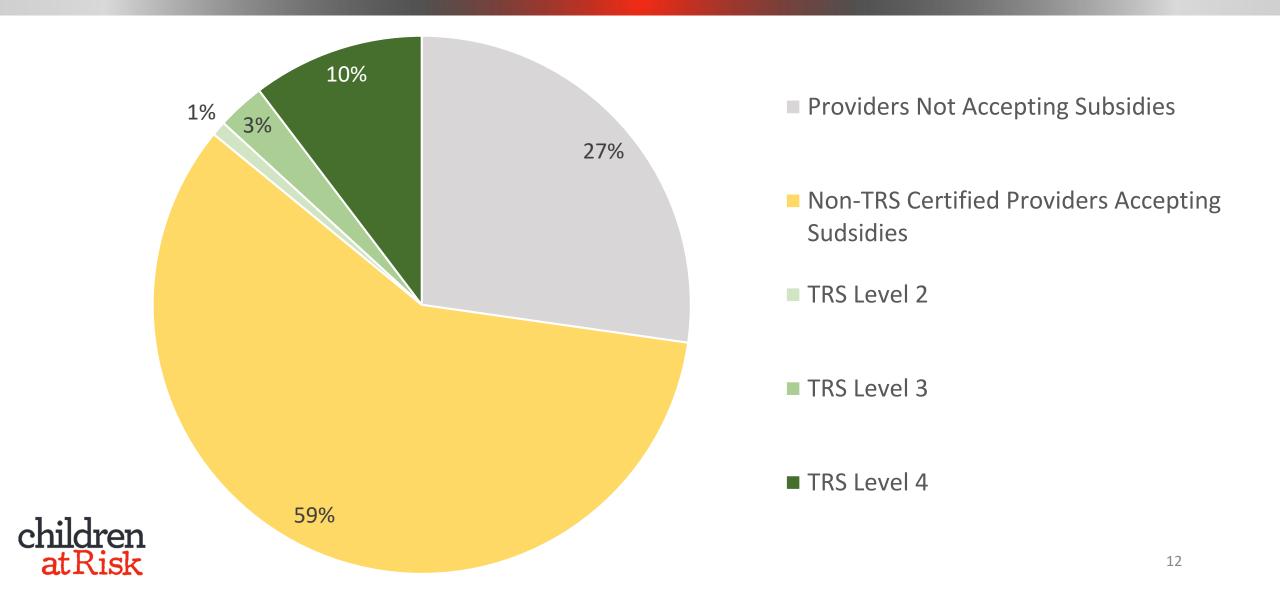
n=Total number of licensed child care providers in each region

## Texas Rising Star Level Comparison by Region

### n=Total number of TRS providers in each region



# Texas Rising Star Participation: El Paso County



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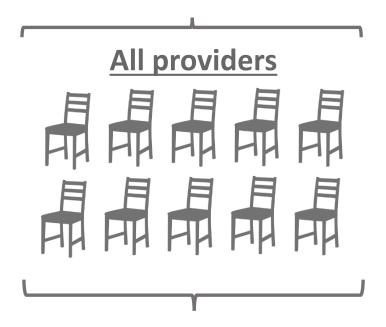
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### How we calculated the supply and demand for child care

For more information on our methodology, please visit: <a href="http://childrenatrisk.org/texas-child-care-desert-methodology/">http://childrenatrisk.org/texas-child-care-desert-methodology/</a>

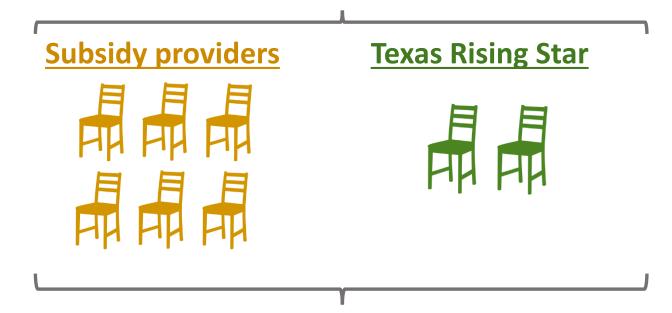
Includes supply of **all** child care seats based on licensed capacity\*



Includes demand among **all** children under 6 with working parents

### **Supply**

Includes estimated supply of subsidy seats\* based on each TWC board region's subsidy target



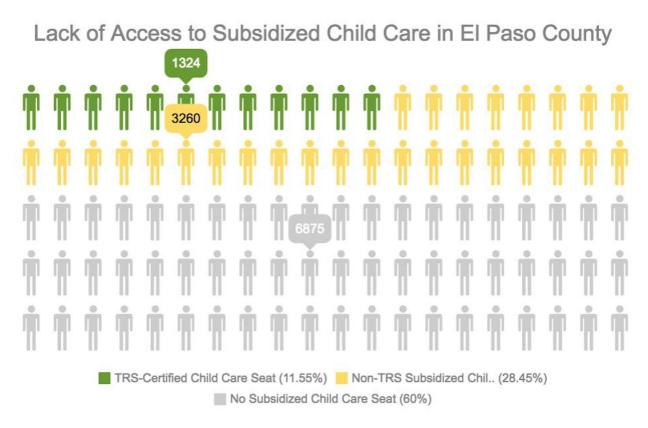
Only includes demand among **low-income** children under 6 with working parents

#### **Demand**



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# Key Findings for El Paso County



There are **6,900 more** low-income children than subsidized child care seats (60% lack access)

There are **10,000 more** low-income children than TRS-certified seats (88% lack access)



Statewide, 71% of low income children lack access to a subsidized seat

# Key Findings for El Paso County



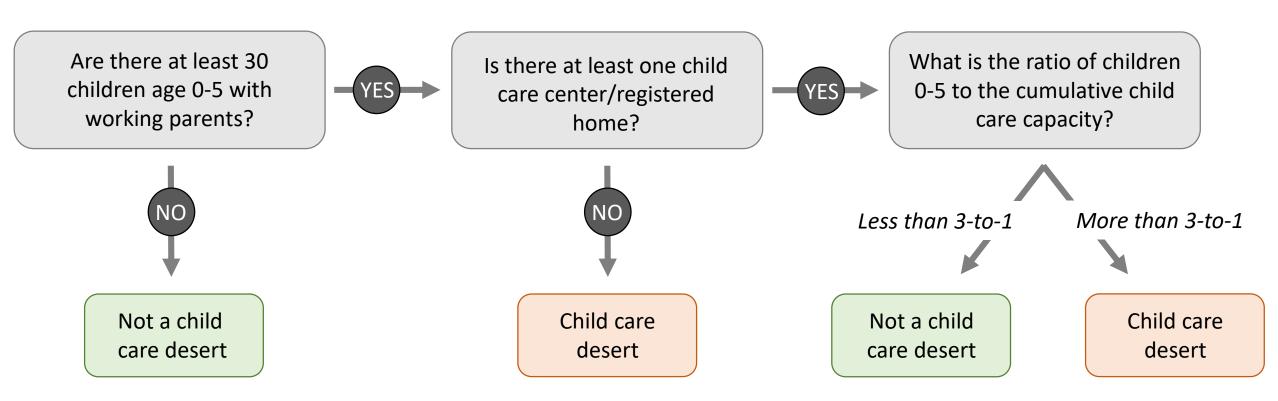
Lack of access: Though **73%** of providers accept subsidies, **60%** of low income children lack access to subsidized care



No income disparity: Little difference between average household incomes in subsidized and TRS deserts and the county overall

### How we calculated child care deserts

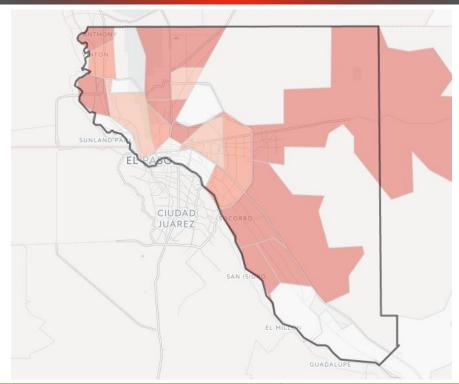
#### *Is this ZIP code a child care desert?*





**Subsidized** and **TRS deserts** only include **low-income** children and providers that accept subsidy/are TRS-certified

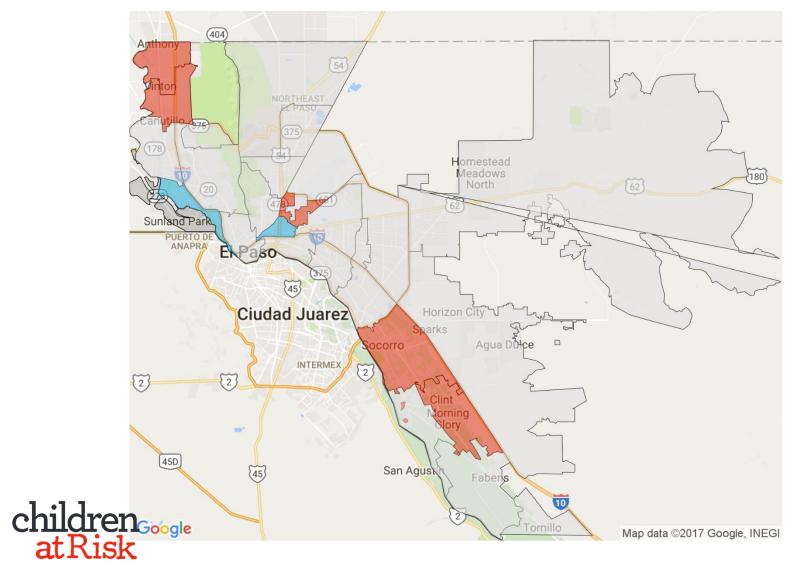
# El Paso County Characteristics



Child Care Seats	Subsidized Child Care Seats	Texas Rising Star Seats	TRS 4-star Seats
867 per thousand	400 per thousand	116 per thousand	80 per thousand



# Undersupply & Oversupply: El Paso's Subsidized Seats



Subsidized seats: over- and under-supply of child care seats for low-income kids

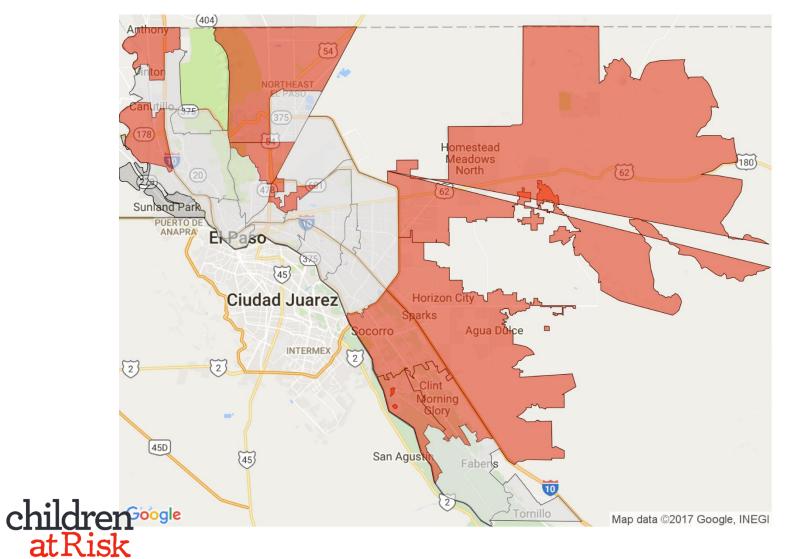
<150 seats/1000
Oversupply (50+)

Other

	Subsidy Seats per 1000 Low-Income	
<b>ZIP Code</b>	Children	
79906	0	
79836	58	
79835	70	
79821	88	
79927	130	

	Number of surplus	
<b>ZIP Code</b>	subsidy seats	
79922	+54	
79903	+74	

# Undersupply & Oversupply: El Paso's TRS Seats



TRS seats: over- and under-supply of child care seats for low-income kids

Other
<50 seats/1000
Oversupply (50+)

	TRS Seats per 1000 Low-Income
ZIP Code	Children
79821	0
79836	0
79849	0
79906	0
79932	0
79934	0
79938	22
79927	24
79904	28
79928	43

There are **no** zip codes in El Paso with an **oversupply** of TRS seats

### Child Care Deserts in Houston

http://childrenatrisk.org/childcaredesertmap/



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# Policy Solutions?

What could work in El Paso?

What could work in Texas?





# Ecosystem for Quality Child Care

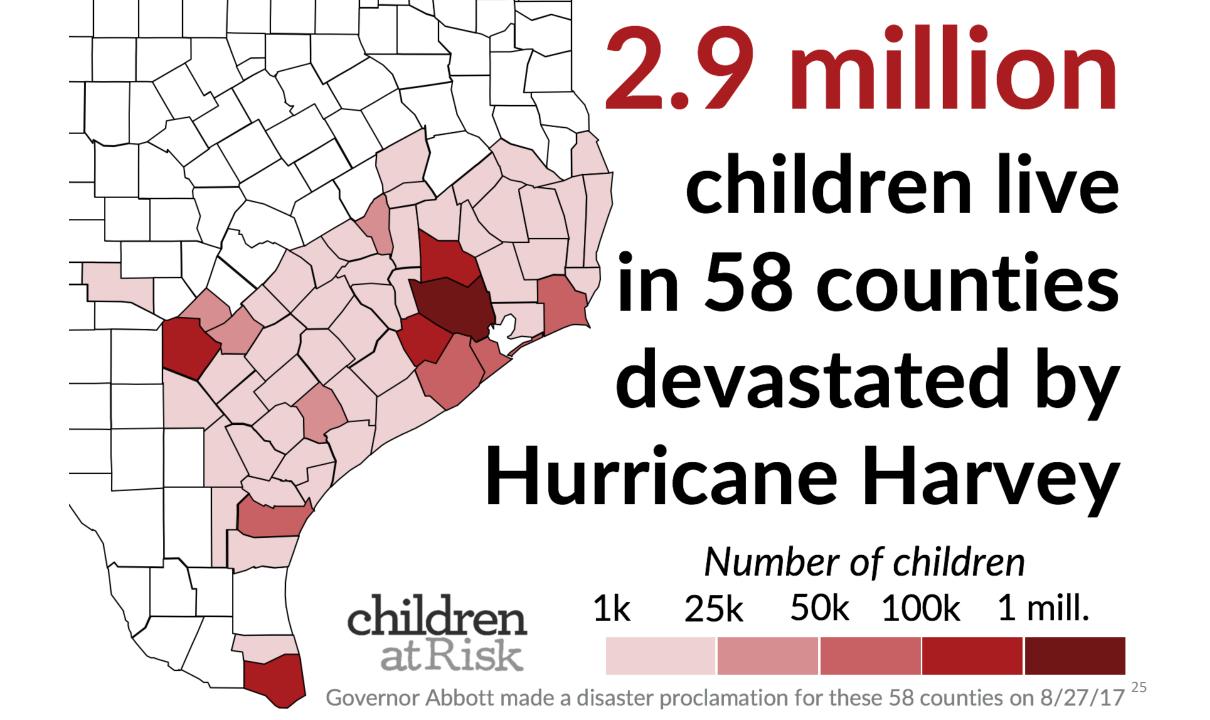
**Family** Information **Teacher** Certification and about Quality Care Options in Their Credentialing Area **Incentives** Staff For Parents to Salary Incentives Choose Quality and Retention Options Local School Government **Districts Structures** Understanding That Regulate Impacts of and Ensure Quality Quality Information Cost **Enables Parents** for Providers about to Choose Quality and Quality Options Certification

Factors Aimed at Enabling Supply



Factors Aimed at

**Enabling Demand** 



Who represents the 2.9m Texas children affected by Hurricane Harvey?

44% of TX House reps
38 Republicans
27 Democrats

**58%** of TX Senators

- 9 Republicans
- 9 Democrats



Source: CHILDREN AT RISK analysis of data on legislative representation in the 58 counties declared disaster areas by Governor Abbott