



Require Local Workforce Development Board Members Training on Child Care Oversight.

BACKGROUND

Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) members are responsible for overseeing significant public investments in child care services, yet current orientation for new board members does not provide consistent instruction on Child Care Subsidy or Texas Rising Star program oversight. Requiring all board members to complete training on TWC responsibilities, LWDB governance, program administration, and oversight functions will help ensure members have a common foundation of knowledge needed to effectively fulfill their fiduciary and policy responsibilities. This recommendation builds on existing board governance training and strengthens accountability for the administration of child care programs.

This requirement would equip board members to make more informed decisions regarding child care policies, funding allocations, program performance, and quality improvement initiatives. A standardized orientation would improve oversight of Child Care Subsidy and Texas Rising Star programs, clarify board versus staff responsibilities, and promote consistent governance practices across all Local Workforce Development Boards. Stronger understanding of program operations and accountability mechanisms would support better outcomes for children, families, providers, and taxpayers.

PROPOSED POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

CHILDREN AT RISK proposes specific policy reforms for the 90th Texas Legislature: Require all Local Workforce Development Board members to complete orientation training on TWC and LWDB roles and responsibilities, including oversight of the Child Care Subsidy and Texas Rising Star programs, as a condition of board service.

- **Require Standardized Orientation Training**
 - Require all Local Workforce Development Board members to complete training on TWC and LWDB roles and responsibilities as a condition of board service.
 - Include instruction on oversight of the Child Care Subsidy and Texas Rising Star programs.
 - Build on existing board governance training to avoid creating duplicative requirements.
- **Clarify Governance and Oversight Responsibilities**
 - Clarify the distinction between board and staff responsibilities in program administration and oversight.
 - Equip board members to make informed decisions on child care policies, funding allocations, and quality improvement initiatives.
 - Promote consistent governance practices across all 28 Local Workforce Development Boards.

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