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Capital Area

25.8k
children under the age of 6 with low income working parents lives in your region.

1 in 10
children under 6 with low-income working parents lives in a Child Care Desert.

Texas

580k
children under the age of 6 with low income working parents lives in our state.

3 in 4
children under 6 with low-income working parents lives in a Child Care Desert.

From 2023 to 2024, the proportion of TRS certified programs among all Capital Area subsidy providers decreased by 2 percentage points. During this period, the region increased its total number of TRS certified locations from 130 to 152, indicating greater quality with less access for low-income families.

46 zip codes in this area are quality Child Care Deserts, with just 16.3 TRS quality child care seats per 100 low-income working families.

Fig.1 NUMBER OF TRS PROGRAMS BY RATING

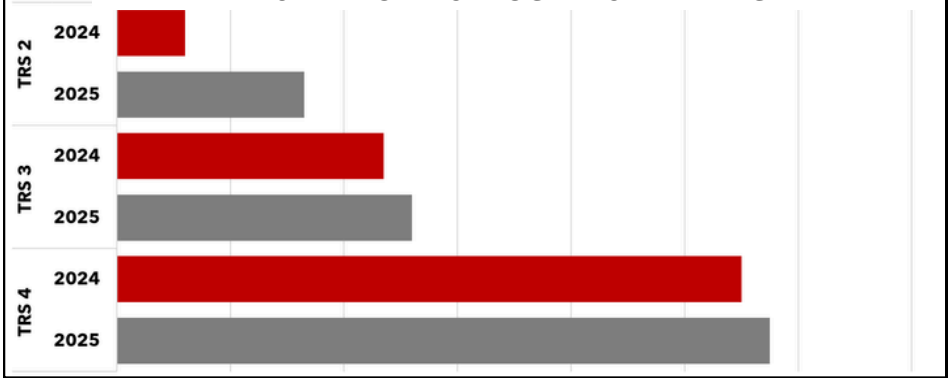


Fig.2 NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN TRS PROGRAMS BY RATING

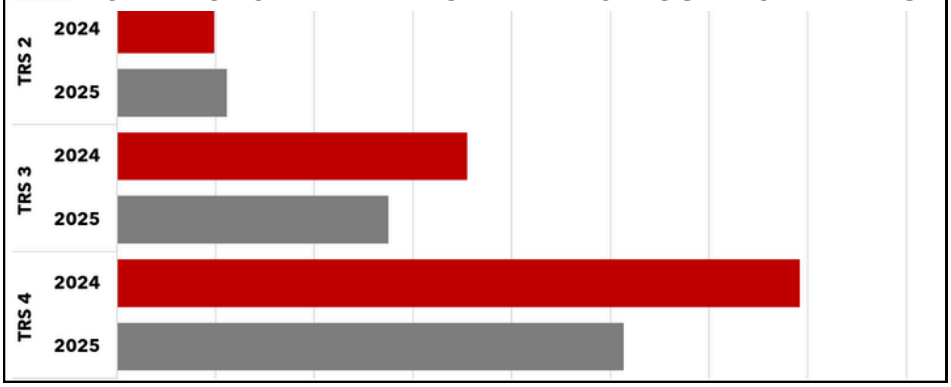
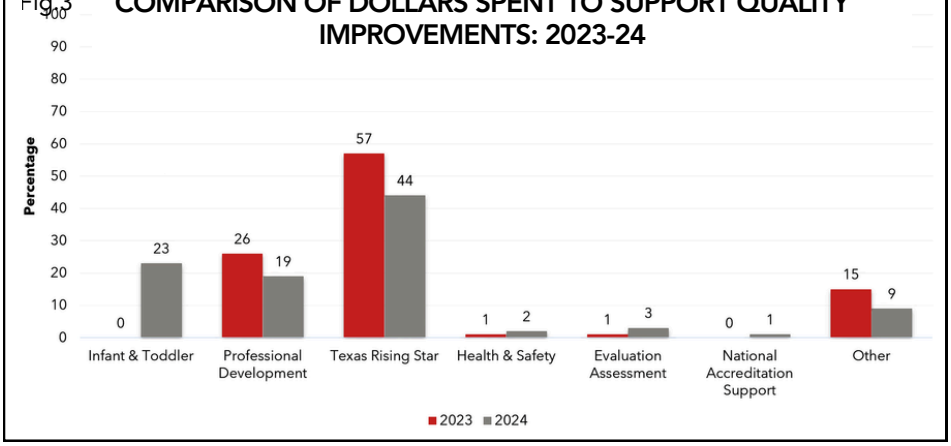


Fig.3 COMPARISON OF DOLLARS SPENT TO SUPPORT QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS: 2023-24



CAPITAL AREA **OVERALL** DESERTS	CAPITAL AREA **CHRONIC OVERALL** DESERTS
8 Overall Desert Zip Codes	**6** Overall Chronic Desert Zip Codes
85,423 Total number of seats available to families	**10%** of Overall Deserts are considered chronic

CAPITAL AREA **TRS QUALITY** DESERTS	CAPITAL AREA **CHRONIC TRS** DESERTS
46 TRS Desert Zip Codes	**43** TRS Desert Zip Codes
4,211 TRS seats are available to families	**71.7%** of TRS Deserts are considered chronic

CAPITAL AREA **SUBSIDY** DESERTS	CAPITAL AREA **CHRONIC SUBSIDY** DESERTS
45 Subsidy Desert Zip Codes	**42** Chronic Subsidy Desert Zip Codes
4,965 Subsidy seats are available to families	**70%** of Subsidy Deserts are considered chronic

*** Child Care Deserts are zip codes that have 3x more children of working parents than the available supply of child care.*

*** Chronic Deserts are those that have been designated a Child Care Desert for 3+ years.*

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CHILD CARE IN THE CAPITAL AREA

- In the Capital Area region, **59,072 children** are under the age of six - **45,544 qualify** for subsidized care.
- In this region, TWC is only able to serve **2,403 children.**
- Capital Area LWDB slightly decreased (2%) its quality footprint from 2023 to 2024, increasing overall certified locations at lower TRS levels than the year previous.
- Out of all eligible families in this region, **95%** do not have access to the support they need.
- In 2024, Capital Area LWDB had **$1,525,438** to put towards child care quality improvements & supports.

THEY INVESTED IN:

See figure 3 for more information on investment trends.

- **TRS Supports** | Staff Training & Wages, Equipment, Curriculum
- **Infants & Toddlers** | Trainings
- **Professional Development** | Conferences, Training, Certifications
- **Other** | National Accreditation, Wages
- **Health & Safety** | CPR & First Aid Training

SPREAD THE WORD - WHICH ONE OF THESE ACTIONS WILL YOU TAKE TO #SUPPORTCHILDCARE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

- ☐ Use this data to shape and spread awareness of the child care system and related policy issues throughout your community.
- ☐ Share this document with your community members, partners, neighbors, families you serve, etc.
- ☐ Present new, locally relavent information to influence, or ask questions of, decision makers in your area.
- ☐ Form community-wide support of system improvements by convening cross-sector stakeholders who also care about improving the access to, and quality of, local child care.

WAS THIS INFORMATION HELPFUL IN ANOTHER WAY? LET US KNOW, TELL US YOUR CHILD CARE ADVOCACY STORY!

Looking for something else? Let us know so we can add that data into future toolkits.

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