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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS OF THE COASTAL BEND PRESENTS THE 6th ANNUAL CHILD CARE DIRECTORS SYMPOSIUM

CORPUS CHRISTI – Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend (WFSCB) will host its **6th Annual Child Care Directors Symposium** on Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center located at 402 Harbor Street, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Over 100 child care directors and assistant directors from across the Coastal Bend region have pre-registered for this annual event.

Since 1999, WFSCB has focused on quality training activities and resources for those child care providers who participate in the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)-funded child care services program. The purpose of TWC-funded child care services is twofold: (1) to assist low-income families maintain or transition toward self-sufficiency by providing child care subsidies to eligible parents who are working or participating in education or training, and (2) to promote early physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of children who are the future workforce.

WFSCB continues to allocate a portion of its child care funding to provide quality training activities and resources to child care providers who aspire to provide a “higher” level of service and established the *Early Childhood Development Quality Services Program*. This program provides professional development activities and resources to early childhood education personnel within its 11-county region and focuses on the following areas:

- Integrating early literacy strategies into the four- and five-year old classrooms of child care centers with WFSCB agreements.
- Increasing the number of Texas Rising Star child care providers within its 12-county region.
- Provide professional development training activities that address children with special needs.
- Provide professional development training activities that address child care directors’ management training needs.

In 2018, WFSCB received over \$12 million dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission to provide subsidized Child Care Services for 2,767 families affording child care for 4,789 children within its 11-county region which includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio counties. This funding makes it possible for parents to maintain jobs or attend school or participate in training activities which enable them to enhance their quality of life and the lives of their children.

WFSCB is committed to helping child care providers enhance the quality of services they provide to the children and families they serve in the Coastal Bend region.

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At Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, we invest in the regional economic success through access to jobs, training and employer services. Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend is one of 28 local workforce boards located throughout the State of Texas. The board services Nueces, San Patricio, Kleberg, Aransas, Kenedy, Bee, Refugio, Live Oak, Brooks, Duval, and Jim Wells counties.

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