



WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
of the Coastal Bend

Child Care Services Committee Meeting

November 9, 2021
3:00 pm

Bayview Tower
400 Mann Street, Suite 800
Conference Room #1
Corpus Christi, TX

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Strategic Goals

- Establish and Strengthen Partnerships
- Effectively/Efficiently Target Rural Area Services
- Increase Workforce Awareness
- Expand Innovative Services to Business
- Explore New Revenue Opportunities
- Improve Internal Efficiencies
- Refine Board Culture

Mission Statement

At Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, we invest in our regional economic success through access to jobs, training, and employer services.

Value Statement

Accountability – We address our customers and co-workers in a positive manner that elevates their spirit and creates a professional, supportive workplace for staff, job seekers, and employers.

Teamwork – We combine our individual talents for the benefit of the mission and common goals leveraging our unique abilities and contributions.

Trust – We consistently deliver on our commitments to our customers and co-workers to establish strong, sustainable relationships.

Integrity – We are honest, supportive, candid in addressing difficult issues, and willing to share success to demonstrate respect and consideration for our customers and co-workers.

Tenacity – We resist giving up when the going gets tough and support our customers and co-workers in seeing that issues are resolved and the job gets done.

Understanding – We are serious and passionate about delivering our services with compassion and empathy.

Dignity – We interact with customers and co-workers professionally regardless of their backgrounds, experience, and circumstances to reflect our commitment as public servants.

Enthusiasm – We recognize the importance and value of our work and know that every day we have the opportunity to help build the economic success of our regional economy.

Disclosure and Declaration of a Conflict of Interest

Conflicts of Interest and the appearance of Conflicts of Interest shall be reported according to Board Administrative Policies #1.0.101.00 - Standards of Conduct and Conflict of Interest; and #1.0.105.00 - Reporting Conflict of Interest, Fraud, and Abuse, which were adopted by the Board of Directors on April 26, 2007.

Conflict of Interest – A circumstance in which a Board Member, Board employee, Contracted Provider, or Contracted Provider's employee is in a decision-making position and has a direct or indirect interest, particularly a financial interest, that influences the individual's ability to perform job duties and fulfill responsibilities.

Appearance of a Conflict of Interest – A circumstance in which a Board Member, Board employee, Contracted Provider, or Contracted Provider's employee's action appears to be:

- influenced by considerations of one or more of the following: gain to the person, entity, or organization for which the person has an employment interest, substantial financial interest, or other interest, whether direct or indirect (other than those consistent with the terms of the contract), or;
- motivated by design to gain improper influence over the Commission, the Agency, the Board, or the Board's Chief Elected Officials.

Code of Ethics

The Workforce Solutions Code of Ethics is a guide for dealing with ethical matters in the workplace and in our relationship with our clients and members of the community.

- We believe in respect for the individual.
- We believe all persons are entitled to be treated with respect, compassion and dignity.
- We believe in openness and honesty in dealing with the general public, the people we serve, and our peers.
- We believe in striving for excellence.
- We believe in conducting ourselves in a way that will avoid even the appearance of favoritism, undue influence or impropriety, so as to preserve public confidence in our efforts.



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**Child Care Services Committee
Roll Call Roster
November 9, 2021**

_____ Mary Gleason, Chair

_____ Sandra Bowen, Vice Chair

_____ Ed Sample

_____ Catrina Wilson

_____ Justin Hoggard

_____ Andrea Chavez

Signed

Printed Name

MINUTES

**Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend - Child Care Services Committee Meeting
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September 7, 2021 – 3:00 pm

Committee Members

Present

Mary Gleason, Chair
Sandra Bowen, Vice Chair
Ed Sample
Catrina Wilson
Justin Hoggard

Absent

Andrea Chavez

Others Present

Ken Trevino, Workforce Solutions
Amy Villarreal, Workforce Solutions
Janet Neely, Workforce Solutions
Denise Woodson, Workforce Solutions
Christina Miller, Workforce Solutions
Valerie De La Cruz, Workforce Solutions
Norma Ochoa, Workforce Solutions
Allyson Riojas, Workforce Solutions
Luis Rodriguez, Workforce Solutions
Xena Mercado, Workforce Solutions
Rufino Martinez, Workforce Solutions
Artug Altug, Workforce Solutions
Neil Hanson, BakerRipley
Kenia Dimas, BakerRipley

Other Board Members Present:

Gloria Perez

- I. Call to Order**
Ms. Perez called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call**
The roll was called and a quorum was present.
- III. Announcement on Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**
Attention was called to the Disclosure and Declaration of Conflict of Interest guidelines, and disclosures were requested at this time. None were made.
- IV. Public Comments**
Mr. Trevino noted that due to the new TOMA rules we do have a laptop setup here at 400 Mann Street, Suite 800 and it is listed on the zoom call as Public. The laptop is available and open to the public, this is a slight adjustment from what we've been doing in the past and it is effective as of September 1, 2021.
- V. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of the May 4, 2021 Child Care Services Committee Meeting**
Mr. Sample moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 Child Care Services Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gleason and passed.

VI. Information Only:

1. *Summary of Child Care Performance for the Third Quarter of BCY 2021*

Ms. Woodson provided a summary of Child Care performance for the third quarter of BCY 2021 (included on page 7 of the September 7 agenda packet).

2. *Summary of Child Care Performance for the Month of August of the Fourth Quarter of BCY 2021*

Ms. Woodson provided a summary of Child Care performance for the month of August of the fourth quarter of BCY 2021 (included on page 8 of the September 7 agenda packet).

3. *Action Plan for Child Care Performance for the Remainder Fourth Quarter of BCY 2021*

Ms. Woodson provided information on an action plan for Child Care performance for the fourth quarter of BCY 2021 (included on pages 9-12 of the September 7 agenda packet).

4. *Analysis of Coastal Bend Child Care*

Ms. Woodson provided an Analysis of Coastal Bend Child Care for the month of June 2021 (included on page 13 of the September 7 agenda packet).

5. *Initial Job Search Child Care*

Ms. Woodson provided information on the Initial Job Search Child Care (included on page 14 of the September 7 agenda packet).

“Initial Job Search Child Care” will provide child care services for a parent seeking employment or engaging in job search and may end after a minimum of three months if the parent has not found employment.

6. *Service Industry Recovery (SIR) Child Care*

Ms. Woodson provided information on the Service Industry Recovery (SIR) Child Care (included on page 15 of the September 7 agenda packet).

“Service Industry Recovery (SIR) Child Care” addresses the impacts of COVID-19 and supports Texas’ continued economic recovery and targets low-wage workers in TWC-specified service industries. Customers for SIR child care services will receive child care services for 12 months.

7. *Update on Child Care Quality Program Activities*

Ms. Miller provided an update on Child Care Quality Program Activities (included on pages 16-17 of the September 7 agenda packet).

“Back to School” Teachers Fair

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend’s Early Childhood Development Quality Services Program (ECDQSP) hosted the **7th Annual “Back to School” Teachers Fair** on August 14, 2021. Staff from child care centers with Workforce Provider Agreements participated in this virtual professional development training event from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Breakout sessions included topics on “Early Learning Guidelines Focusing on Responsive Caregiving and Social and Emotional Development”; Trauma to Triumph: “How Are the Children?”; and “Breaking the Chain of Infection and Stopping the Spread of Diseases with an Emphasis on COVID-19”. Child care staff who participated in this event received a certificate for 6.5 clock hours of training which can be credited toward the annual staff training hours requirement, and they participated in drawings for door prizes which included instructional carpets and activity calendars for classrooms.

A total of **167** child care staff and **15** child care center directors from **31** child care centers (of which **4** are Texas Rising Star (TRS)) participated in this virtual training event.

Double Sets of Manipulatives

The ECDQSP purchased double sets of manipulatives for infant and toddler classrooms at **30** Texas Rising Star (TRS) child care centers. Having two sets of manipulatives in these classrooms allows the children to always have access to these manipulatives. One set will always be in use and the other set will be being cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized. The double sets of manipulatives represent an investment of **\$62,609.00** in the infant and toddler classrooms at these child care centers.

Cleaning Supplies Distribution

During the fourth quarter of BCY2021, ECDQSP distributed cleaning supplies, i.e., a case of toilet paper; a case of paper towels; a case of bleach; a case of hand sanitizer; and bleach to **30** TRS child care providers during July 2021 an investment of \$6,621.90.

Professional Development Training Activities

Ms. Natasha Harris conducted a professional development training on *Minimum Standards Update* on July 1, 2021. A total of **65** child care staff attended this training.

Save the Date!!

The ECDQSP will host the **7th Annual Directors Symposium** virtually on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Training topics for this event will include breakout sessions on “*Simple Budgeting and Practical Money-Management Skills for Child Care Centers*”; “*COVID-19 Updates*” and “*Social Emotional Development*”.

8. Texas Rising Star (TRS) Assessor Credential Training

Ms. De La Cruz provided information on the Texas Rising Star (TRS) Assessor Credential Training (included on page 18 of the September 7 agenda packet). Ms. Woodson provided additional information.

Mr. Trevino thanked Ms. Woodson and the team. Mr. Trevino mentioned to keep those infographics coming up and that it is very useful for the board members that are watching this on zoom.

Dr. Gleason mentioned the infographics is much clearer than it was say several years ago and expressed her gratitude for that. Dr. Gleason commended Ms. Woodson and the team for all their hard work.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

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VI - 1. Summary of Child Care Performance for the Fourth Quarter of BCY2021

BACKGROUND

Board staff will summarize child care performance for the fourth quarter of BCY2021. Attached are charts indicating actual enrollments, expenditures, and monthly performance measures for the fourth quarter of BCY2021.

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VI - 2. Summary of Child Care Performance for the Month of October of the First Quarter of BCY2022

BACKGROUND

Board staff will summarize child care performance for the month of October of the first quarter of BCY2022. Attached are charts indicating actual enrollments, expenditures, and monthly performance measures for October 2021.

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VI - 3. Action Plan for Child Care Performance for the First Quarter of BCY2022

BACKGROUND

Board staff will present an action plan for child care performance for the first quarter of BCY2022.

FY2021 - Direct Child Care Forecast
October 2021 as of October 01, 2021

| DESCRIPTION | CONTRACT | Start Date | End Date | BUDGET AMOUNT | AMOUNT EXPENDED As of 10-04-2021 | BALANCE | PROJECTED UNPAID CLAIMS | SURPLUS / DEFICIT | Annual Performance Potential | Assumptions |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| CCC | 2221CCC001 | 10/1/2020 | 10/31/2021 | \$ 4,438,543 | \$ 666,271 | \$ 3,772,272 | | | | |
| CCC | 2220CCC001 | 10/1/2019 | 10/31/2020 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 54,023 | \$ 3,718,249 | 111 | Assumed TWC average cost of \$24.48 over the entire year. |
| CCF | 2221CCF | 10/1/2020 | 12/31/2021 | \$ 7,260,724 | \$ 8,758,031 | \$ (1,497,307) | | | | |
| CCF | 2220CCF001 | 10/1/2019 | 10/31/2020 | \$ 906,594 | \$ 903,356 | \$ 3,238 | \$ 1,166,580 | \$ (2,660,649) | 2,462 | Assumed TWC average cost of \$19.97 over the entire year. |
| Sub Total - Formula Funds | | | | \$ 12,605,860 | \$ 10,327,658 | \$ 2,278,203 | \$ 1,220,603 | \$ 1,057,600 | 2,573 | |
| Local Match 2021 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coastal Bend College | 22212C04 | 10/1/2020 | 12/31/2021 | \$ 280,000 | \$ 280,000 | \$ - | | | | |
| Del Mar College | 22212C06 | 10/1/2020 | 12/31/2021 | \$ 370,000 | \$ 370,000 | \$ - | | | | |
| Texas A&M University-Kingsville | 22212C07 | 10/1/2020 | 12/31/2021 | \$ 280,000 | \$ 280,000 | \$ - | | | | |
| Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi | 22212C08 | 10/1/2020 | 12/31/2021 | \$ 70,000 | \$ 70,000 | \$ - | | | | |
| City of Corpus Christi | 22212C05 | 10/1/2020 | 12/31/2021 | \$ 806,566 | \$ 806,566 | \$ - | | | | Is this contract in TWIST correct? |
| Sub Total - Local Match Funds | | | | \$ 1,806,566 | \$ 1,806,566 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | |
| Sub Total - TWC Direct Care Funds | | | | \$ 14,412,426 | \$ 12,134,224 | \$ 2,278,203 | \$ 1,220,603 | \$ 1,057,600 | 0 | |
| Total | | | | \$ 14,412,426 | \$ 12,134,224 | \$ 2,278,203 | \$ 1,220,603 | \$ 1,057,600 | 2,573 | |
| Percentage | | | | 84.19% | 15.81% | 8.47% | 7.34% | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 2,633 Performance Target (Discretionary & Mandatory) |

Fiscal Year 2021 - Enrollment Targets

| | Enrollment As Of Oct 01 | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Difference Over/(Under) to current month |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | Average Enrollment | |
| Eligibility Characteristic | 10/1/2021 | Oct-20 | Nov-20 | Dec-20 | Jan-21 | Feb-21 | Mar-21 | Apr-21 | May-21 | Jun-21 | Jul-21 | Aug-21 | Sep-21 | |
| Discretionary | 3 - Transitional | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 10 - Income Eligible | 2,643 | 2,107 | 2,227 | 2,265 | 2,309 | 2,342 | 2,422 | 2,540 | 2,690 | 2,716 | 2,792 | 2,677 | 2,693 |
| | 16 - Homeless | 20 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 19 |
| | Sub Total | 2,663 | 2,115 | 2,232 | 2,270 | 2,315 | 2,350 | 2,430 | 2,551 | 2,701 | 2,729 | 2,808 | 2,694 | 2,712 |
| Mandatory | 1 - Choices | 21 | 32 | 23 | 32 | 28 | 24 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | 2 - Tanf Applicant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4 - SNAP E&T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 15 - Former DFPS | 85 | 90 | 87 | 94 | 97 | 91 | 89 | 89 | 83 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 77 |
| Sub Total | 106 | 122 | 110 | 126 | 125 | 115 | 107 | 105 | 101 | 106 | 109 | 108 | 98 | 8 |
| Total All Funds | 2,769 | 2,237 | 2,342 | 2,396 | 2,440 | 2,465 | 2,537 | 2,656 | 2,802 | 2,835 | 2,917 | 2,802 | 2,810 | (41) |
| | | | 105 | 54 | 44 | 25 | 72 | 119 | 146 | 33 | 82 | (115) | 8 | |
| Children on Suspension | 713 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programs with no referral | 36 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

ALL FUNDS - CHILD CARE FORECASTING PROFILE - TARGET ENROLLMENT - FY 2021

| | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| | Average # of Children for the month (self count) | ((E+I)/(C*F)) Utilization Rate | Actual Units | Number of Billable Days | Actual Expenses | (G+J)/(E+I) Average Unit Rate | Remaining Projected Units | Remaining Projected Expenditures | (G+J) Total Actual/Projected Expenditures | |
| A c t u a l | Oct-Actual | 2,237 | 99.6% | 49,037 | 22 | \$ 968,549 | \$ 19.75 | 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 968,549 |
| | Nov-Actual | 2,342 | 98.0% | 48,178 | 21 | \$ 940,762 | \$ 19.53 | - | \$ - | \$ 940,762 |
| | Dec-Actual | 2,396 | 96.9% | 53,414 | 23 | \$ 1,055,641 | \$ 19.76 | 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,055,641 |
| | Jan-Actual | 2,440 | 98.4% | 50,414 | 21 | \$ 984,300 | \$ 19.52 | 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 984,300 |
| | Feb-Actual | 2,465 | 99.1% | 48,847 | 20 | \$ 942,216 | \$ 19.29 | - | \$ - | \$ 942,216 |
| | Mar-Actual | 2,537 | 99.5% | 58,062 | 23 | \$ 1,156,261 | \$ 19.91 | (0) | \$ (0) | \$ 1,156,261 |
| | Apr-Actual | 2,656 | 99.3% | 58,049 | 22 | \$ 1,146,938 | \$ 19.76 | - | \$ - | \$ 1,146,938 |
| | May-Actual | 2,802 | 98.1% | 57,700 | 21 | \$ 1,128,320 | \$ 19.55 | - | \$ - | \$ 1,128,320 |
| | Jun-Actual | 2,835 | 99.2% | 61,845 | 22 | \$ 1,277,800 | \$ 20.66 | - | \$ - | \$ 1,277,800 |
| | Jul-Actual | 2,917 | 99.2% | 63,652 | 22 | \$ 1,308,906 | \$ 20.56 | - | \$ - | \$ 1,308,906 |
| | Aug-Actual | 2,802 | 99.1% | 61,066 | 22 | \$ 1,224,530 | \$ 20.05 | - | \$ - | \$ 1,224,530 |
| | Sep-Proj | 2,810 | 99.0% | 0 | 22 | \$ - | \$ 19.94 | 61,202 | \$ 1,220,603 | \$ 1,220,603 |
| TOTALS / AVERAGE | 2,603 | 98.8% | 610,264 | 261 | \$ 12,134,224 | \$ 19.89 | 61,202 | \$ 1,220,603 | \$ 13,354,827 | |

Actual Exp matched

Total Actual and Projected Expenditures \$ 13,354,827

Total Direct Child Care Services Budget \$ 14,412,426

Net Balance \$ 1,057,600

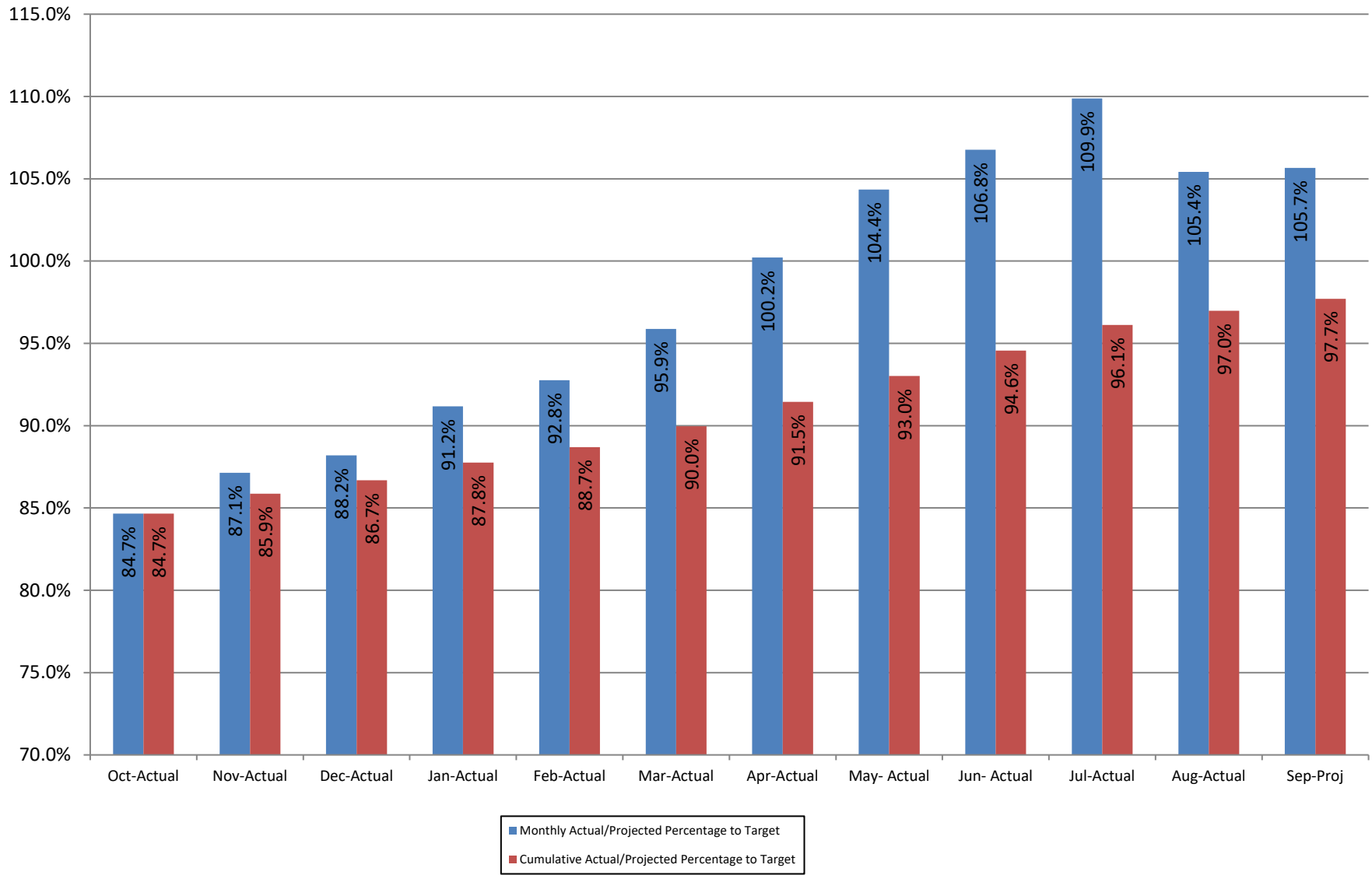
(Total "CC Services Budget" minus "Total Actual & Projected Expenditures")

Projected Average Number of Units Served 2,573

(Total of "Number of Actual + Projected Units / 12 months)

CCDF Funds (Mandatory and Discretionary) Actual and Projected Performance

Chart Data is from TWIST Ad-Hoc Reporting. TWC reports may vary due to data extraction dates



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VI - 4. Analysis of Coastal Bend Child Care

BACKGROUND

The Board receives a monthly report from TWC that analyzes child care performance with respect to several factors. The most current monthly report regarding child care performance was received on September 27, 2021. Included in the report was a program analysis for the month of July 2021 that contained the following information:

- Average number of children in care – 2,531
- Average cost per unit (Board performance) - \$20.55
- Average cost per unit (Mandatory Care) - \$24.66
- Number of licensed centers – 104
- Percentage of children in licensed centers – 96.13%
- Number of licensed homes – 18
- Percentage of children in licensed homes – 3.37%
- Number of registered homes – 2
- Percentage of children in registered homes – 0.35%
- Total registered providers – 124
- Number of listed relative homes – 4
- Percentage of children in listed relative homes – 0.16%
- Total relative providers – 4
- Percentage of Choices Program – 0.65%
- Percentage of Other Mandatory – 3.06%
- Percentage of (Board Performance) Discretionary – 96.29%
- Percentage of Former DFPS Only – 3.06%
- Number of children on wait list – 199
- Enrollment is currently open

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VI - 5. Service Industry Recovery (SIR) Child Care Services Update

BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2021, the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) three-member Commission (Commission) approved \$500 million to support a new COVID-19 service industry recovery (SIR) child care program to help low-wage workers in TWC-specified service industries.

To qualify for SIR child care, at least one parent must be currently employed or entering employment in one of the following TWC-specified service industries:

- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- Accommodation and Food Services
- Retail Trade

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend (WFSCB) has received **\$10,885,330** in SIR child care funding. Participants eligible for child care services under this funding stream will receive child care services for one year. TWC has attached a performance measure to the SIR child care funding. WFSCB must provide SIR child care services for **1,258** children during BCY2022. Each Workforce Board must submit an outreach and ramp-up enrollment plan to TWC. This plan must list strategies that will be used to assist Workforce Boards in meeting their performance target for this funding.

Additional information regarding Service Industry Recovery (SIR) child care services has been posted on the Board's website (www.workforcesolutionscb.org).

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VI - 6. Update on Child Care Quality Program Activities

BACKGROUND

Board staff will provide an update on the child care quality program activities that took place during the fourth quarter of BCY2021.

Directors Symposium

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend's Early Childhood Development Quality Services Program (ECDQSP) hosted the *7th Annual Directors Symposium* on September 25, 2021. Child care directors and assistant directors from child care centers with Workforce Provider Agreements participated in this virtual professional development training event from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Breakout sessions included topics on *"Trauma to Triumph: "How Are the Children?"*; *"Minimum Standards Update"*; *Stopping the Spread of Diseases with an Emphasis on COVID-19*"; and *"Simple Budgeting and Practical Money Management Skills for Child Care Centers"*. Child care staff who participated in this event received a certificate for 6.5 clock hours of training which can be credited toward the annual staff training hours requirement, and they participated in drawings for door prizes which included instructional carpets and activity calendars for classrooms.

A total of **45** child care directors and assistant directors participated in this virtual training event.

Educational Carpets

During the fourth quarter of BCY2021, ECDQSP purchased **51** educational carpets. The carpets were distributed to **31** Texas Rising Star (TRS) child care centers and **20** non-TRS child care centers. The educational carpets costs **\$13,520.10**.

Glossary of Terms

| Program Title | Program Characteristics |
|--|--|
| Child Care | Helps employers retain qualified workers with families by providing subsidized child care to low-income parents, children of teen parents, and children with disabilities. |
| Non-Custodial Parent (NCP) Choices | Targets low-income, unemployed, or underemployed NCPs who are behind on child support payments and whose children are current or former recipients of public assistance. Involves working in tandem with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the local court system to help NCPs with substantial barriers to employment and career advancement, become economically self-sufficient while also making consistent child support payments. |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) | Designed to assist SNAP recipients in obtaining employment through participation in allowable job search, training, education, or workforce activities that promote long-term self-sufficiency. SNAP recipients are referred by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). |
| Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Choices | The goal of Choices services is to end the dependence of needy parents on public assistance by promoting job preparation, employment, and job retention with a “Work First” service delivery design. TANF recipients are referred by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). |
| Trade Act Services | Provides employers with skilled workers. Moves trade-affected workers into new jobs as quickly and effectively as possible. |
| The Workforce Information System of Texas (TWIST) | TWIST is a centralized point of reporting intake, case management, and service delivery for customers. Intake information is submitted just once for multiple employment and training programs, and can be retrieved statewide. TWIST also allows staff to query and retrieve information from the legacy systems - Employment Services (ES), Unemployment Insurance (UI), SNAP E&T, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), SSI (Supplemental Security Income), and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). |
| Veterans Employment Services | Employers have quick access to the talents and expertise of veterans and eligible persons, e.g., spouses of deceased/disabled/MIA veterans, to fill job openings. |
| Wagner-Peyser Employment Services (ES), Agricultural Services and Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Services | Acts as liaison between employers and job seekers to ensure employers have access to qualified workers. Provides job matching and recruitment services to employers and job seekers. |
| Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) | WIOA helps job seekers and workers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market; and matches employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. |