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Child Care Services Committee Meeting

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- 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

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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.

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- 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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IV. **Announcement on Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**
Any Conflicts of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest with items on this agenda shall be declared at this time. Members with conflicts will refrain from voting and are asked to refrain from discussion on such items. Conflicts discovered later in the meeting shall be disclosed at that time. Note: Information on open meetings is included at the end of this agenda.

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Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA). All public meetings are required to follow all parts of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Therefore, we will be holding this meeting both in-person at our **Bayview Tower – Administrative Office, Bayview Large Conference Room** and on **ZOOM**. With this format, comes some changes to what is required of board members and the public.

a. The presiding member (Chair or designee) must be in-person at the meeting location, 400 Mann Street, Suite 800, Corpus Christi, Texas.
b. Board members must be visible on camera in order to count toward the quorum and in order to vote.
c. The public and all presenters will need to be visible while presenting information.

This hybrid meeting format will allow us to meet TOMA rules, while still ensuring the safety of those who must attend.

Child Care Services Committee
Roll Call Roster
May 5, 2026
(4 = Quorum)

_____ Marcia Keener, Chair

_____ Dr. Michelle Cavazos

_____ Cynthia Alegria

_____ Dr. Criselda Leal

_____ Dr. Zachary Suarez

_____ Michelle Tobar

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Signed

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Printed Name

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Committee Members Present
Marcia Keener, Chair
Dr. Michelle Cavazos
Dr. Criselda Leal
Dr. Zachary Suarez
Michelle Tobar

Other Board Members Present
Gloria Perez

Absent
Cynthia Alegria

Others Present
Ken Treviño, Workforce Solutions
Alba Silvas, Workforce Solutions
Shileen Lee, Workforce Solutions
Valerie Ann De La Cruz, Workforce Solutions
Harvey Pina, Workforce Solutions
Sarahi Vasquez, Workforce Solutions
Milanda Ballesteros, Workforce Solutions
Valerie Ann De La Cruz, Workforce Solutions
Tracy McAfee, Workforce Solutions
Ernest Everett, Workforce Solutions,
Valerie De La Cruz, Workforce Solutions
Vicki Stonum, Workforce Solutions
Celina Leal, Workforce Solutions
Christina Gonzalez, Workforce Solutions
Kristen Bily, Workforce Solutions
Kenia Dimas, Baker Ripley

I. Call to Order
Ms. Keener called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

II. TOMA Rules
Ms. Vasquez provided information on the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) Rules.

III. Roll Call
The roll call was called, and a quorum was present. Mr. Trevino made note that Chair Perez was in attendance.

IV. Announcement on Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
Attention was called to the Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest and disclosures were requested by the chair Victor Gonzalez, Jr., at this time. None were made.

V. **Public Comments**

Due to the new TOMA Rules, there is a laptop at meeting location 400 Mann Street; Suite 800 and is noted on Zoom call that it is Public as per TOMA Rules. The laptop is available and open to the public.

VI. **Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of September 9, 2025, Child Care Committee Meeting**

Ms. Keener proposed a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, Child Care Services Committee meeting. Dr. Cavazos seconded the motion; the motion was then passed

VII. **Review of Committee Charter, Initiatives, and Strategic Board Goals of BCY 2026:**

Ms. Keener explained that their Committee Charter is what we look for, talking about, and are concerned with in relation to Strategic Board Goals, and how they handle child care services. No questions were asked regarding the Committee Charter. (included on page 6 of the February 10 packet)

VIII. **Information Only:**

1. *Child Care Services Update (Q1 Oct.-Dec.) (Q2 Jan-Mar.) (Q3 Apr-Jun.) (Q4 July-Sept.)*
    a. TWC: Governor Abbott Directs Investigations into Potential Child Care Funding Fraud in Texas

Ms. De La Cruz reported on Governor Abbott directing investigations into potential child care funding fraud. Ms. De La Cruz began by stating that in January, Minnesota was investigated for seven, several million dollars in childcare fraud. She advised there were investigations on childcare centers that were receiving funds from the state without children at these sites. Ms. De La Cruz stated that Governor Abbott directed the Texas Workforce Commission, (TWC) to work with the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) to implement anti-fraud measures and launch investigations into potential fraud. Ms. De La Cruz added that TWC needed to provide a report by January 30th on how these measures were being implemented. Mrs. De La Cruz explained that there are strong anti-fraud processes in place, such as routine audits, and where our Texas Rising Star mentors go out to sites and do face-to-face visits. to verify that those sites are running with kids. No questions were asked at the end of Mrs. De La Cruz's explanation. (included on page 7 of the February 10 packet)

2. a. Early Access Funding BCY2026

Ms. Lee provided a summary of Child Care Performance Update in relation to the early access funding. Lee stated that they requested our TX3C system, how attendance is monitored, etc., and are requesting they give that report by the 30th and will give an updated report. Dr. Suarez advised that he had a further inquiry, looking at the percentage, it seems like a very low percentage in comparison to other boards, and was curious as to kind of where they came from as it seems like students being over-reported discrepancy. Ms. Lee explained that there was a discrepancy in a center, as the name had changed from the EIN number, Ms. Lee explained they received about $9.8 million in COVID funds. And that had a very specific requirement on what we could spend those funds on. Ms. Lee explained the CAP and working with TWC to this Corrective Action Plan. Ms. Lee stopped by for any questions. (included in page 8 on the February 10 packet)

3. *Performance Update BCY2026 (Q1 Oct-Dec.) (Q2 Jan.-Mar) (Q3 Apr-Jun.) (Q4 Jul -Sep)*
    a. First Quarter (Q1) Performance

Ms. Dimas stated that moving forward to this fiscal year, they got together with the board to set new targets to ensure they would be at an affordable rate. Ms. Dimas stated they set their own goals for January, and the numbers that they see in the packet and on screen is what was done month after month. Ms. Dimas stated they went through all mandatory priority groups first, then went on to call and continued to build through a very strategic plan to process them all timely. Ms. Dimas explained that they have seen that their unit cost go up due to quality initiatives and the Texas Racing Star certifications. Ms. Dimas stated there are lot of moving parts, and to submit a narrative for the CAP, there's a lot of variables to take into consideration. (included on page 9 of the February 10 packet).

b. Second Quarter (Q2) January Outcomes & Action Plans

Mrs. Dimas shared that with this quarter, they were very busy. Ms. Dimas stated that staff like to provide activities that are close to their heart. Ms. Dimas stated the American Cancer, Walk for cancer, breast cancer, are events planned all-out month of October called Pinktober. Ms. Dimas stated this year they raised $687, and they donated to separate causes. Ms. Dimas shared experiences from the Mother Theresa Event, as well as the Coastal Bend Food Bank Donations. (included on page 10 of the February 10 packet).

4. *Operations & Management of Child Care Services*

a. BakerRipley Update

Ms. Dimas provided an update on the BakerRipley Operations and Management of Child Care Services. Ms. Dimas went over the implementation of TX3C, basic operations, work experience participation, provider meetings, and staff vacancies within Baker Ripley. She emphasized their attention to attendance in accordance with new programs such as TX3C and fraud mandates. (included on page 11 of the February 10 agenda packet).

5. *Child Care Quality Services (CCQS)*

a. Texas Rising Star (TRS) Program Update

Ms. De La Cruz presented updates on the Texas Rising Star Program. Ms. De La Cruz stated the TRS in October moved over to our contractor, Baker Ripley, where they were at the board level, and have since moved over. During that time out of the 172 providers, 38 of those providers are a TRS 4-star. She stated they have 64 at a 3-star level, and 30 at a 2-star level. Additionally, they have 37 providers that still need to be certified. (included on page 12 of the February 10 packet)

6. CCQS Activities & Events – Fourth Quarter (Q4)

Ms. De La Cruz provided updates on the CCQS activities and events in the fourth quarter. Ms. De La Cruz stated that the curriculum and the resources that they provided this last quarter, they were able to give 11 providers, Frog Street Curriculum from Lakeshore Resources for an amount of $86,062. She stated with that curriculum, they're also providing training for them at the end of this quarter, so they'll know how to implement that curriculum. (included on page 13 of the February 10 packet)

7. Local Child Care Advisory Council Requirements

Mr. Pina then presented information on requirements for the local childcare advisory council. Mr. Pina stated that according to the Texas Workforce Commission, they are required to have a local child care committee. He stated that this committee is not a governing committee, but more of a sit-down, roundtable discussion about anything regarding child care, resources, strengths, weaknesses, what they can change, and what they can improve. Mr. Pina stated that part of the requirements is for them to have a licensed child care provider, a licensed registered home provider, a current parent from the child care services, our contractor, Baker Ripley, Board staff and a community stakeholder. (included on page 14 of the February 10 packet)

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4.23pm.

INFORMATION ONLY

VII.1a. Child Care Services Update- TWC: Governor Abbott Directs Child Care Fraud in Texas Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In January Governor Abbott directed TWC and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to work in collaboration to further implement anti-fraud measures and launch investigations into any potential fraud and misdirection of taxpayer dollars related to the Child Care Services Program. The Governor has also directed that TWC and HHSC provide a progress report to his office on January 30, 2026, and a final report on these efforts on February 27, 2026.

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) already have strong anti-fraud processes in place like routine audits of providers and in-person site visits to facilities to ensure the physical safety of Texas children and the good stewardship of state dollars. These strong anti-fraud measures have shown results as Texas' percentage of improper payment rates is 0.43 percent, compared to Minnesota's approximately 11 percent according to the most recently available federal data.

As outlined in CCS Provider Agreements, the attendance tracking system must be used by all providers, and by all CCS families. We continue to not anticipate any changes in CCS payments to providers.

Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend (WFSCB) has also established a protocol to address potential fraud cases within the Coastal Bend region. WFSCB collaborates closely with the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and our contractor to identify, investigate, and rule out any instances of provider fraud. This coordinated approach ensures accountability, maintains program integrity, and supports compliance with state regulations.

Potential Fraud Cases in the Coastal Bend are as follows:

- January- 0 Cases
- February- 0 Cases
- March- 5 Cases- All five potential cases involved were after-school programs. TWC flagged these sites as potential fraud due to the absence of a listed phone number. As part of our protocol a review was completed and properly documented for each site, confirming that they are active operating centers.

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VII – 2a. Performance Update BCY2026- Early Access to BCY2026 Funding Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend's Child Care Services (CCS) program began BCY2025 in a unique position because of the circumstances listed below.

- WFSCB's child care performance target for BCY2025 was 3,312 average number of children served per day.
- WFSCB was able to utilize two years of local match funding (BCY2023 and BCY2024) to enroll children into the CCS program during BCY2024. This funding allowed WFSCB to not only meet the BCY2024 performance measure target of 3,242 average number of children served per day, but to exceed this target.
- There were 3,901 children enrolled in the CCS program on October 1, 2024.
- Enrollment needed to decrease by 589 children before we could consider outreaching children from the waitlist. The decrease in enrollment could only occur as a result of attrition.
- February, March, and April are months during the contract year in which we have large numbers of customers whose eligibility must be redetermined. We hoped to see a considerable number of children attrition out of the program during these months. This did not happen.
- The functionality of the new child care case management system, the Texas Child Care Connection (TX3C), specifically, the issues occurring with children's referrals (not showing up in their designated Board areas/showing up in other Board areas) makes us question if our enrollment number(s) are accurate. There are variances in enrollment numbers from day-to-day and the difficulty in receiving reports in the TX3C system is challenging and unreliable for accuracy in determining the actual number of children enrolled in the CCS program.

The Board and contractor staff closely monitored the impact the large number of children enrolled in the CCS program was having on the allocated child care budget to determine how long the allocated budget could sustain the children enrolled in the CCS program. Board staff met with TWC staff in April regarding this unique situation and were informed that we would have to borrow money from the BCY2026 child care allocation to cover the cost of care for the children in the CCS program through the remainder of the contract number. TWC asked WFSCB to determine how much money we would need to sustain this enrollment through the end of BCY2025. WFSCB requested $1.6 million from TWC in June. This amount represents one payment cycle.

Update as of January 30, 2026-

- 2022-23 Covid Fund= $9.8M only expended $2.7M due to TWC strict requirements.
- Due to utilization of Covid funds, we had $1.4M in carryover into 2022-23 and did not

spend $1.8 in local match

- 2023-24 had two years of local match and the $1.4M in carryover (total of $5M add'l); increased local board enrollment goals to expend the funds.
- Froze enrollment prior to 10/1 this fiscal year; we typically have a large number of recertifications in the March-May timeframe and had 90% recertify when historically this number is 60-65%.

Update as of March 31,2026

- WFSCB remains on a CAP.
- TWC's records indicate that following YTD Average Children per Day for Coastal Bend:

  - October 2025: 2878
  - November 2025: 2717
  - December 2025: 2757
  - January 2026: 2813
  - February 2026: 2861

As per TWC overperforming boards must be within the acceptable range of 98%-102% of our affordable target for three consecutive months. The YTD average must fall between 2,965 and 3,086. The YTD average number of children per day is below 98% for all months WFSCB has been on the CAP. TWC uses the average number of **units** to determine YTD averages. WFSCB continues to work closely with our contractor and meets with TWC monthly to discuss progress.

Update: As of April 27,2026 WFSCB

Based on March 2026 data, the Board has successfully managed its enrollment, meeting its affordable target for three consecutive months while remaining within the following overall contracted performance targets:

• BCY 2026 Contracted Target—3,217 (midyear adjusted target approved March 3, 2026)
• BCY 2026 Affordable Target—3,025

Month	YTD Average # of Children Served per Day	YTD % of Contracted Target	Monthly Average # of Children Served per Day	Monthly % of Affordable Target
January 2026	2,813	87.44%	2,994	98.98%
February 2026	2,861	88.93%	3,073	101.59%
March 2026	2,895	89.99%	3,078	101.75%

Consequently, the Level 1 Sanction is lifted. Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend is no longer on the CAP.

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VII. 2b. Performance Update BCY 2026- Second Quarter (Q2) Performance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend (WFSCB) child care performance during the second quarter of BCY2026 is as follows.

- Workforce performance measures affordable target for BCY2026 is 3025 children served per day.
- There were 537 children on the waitlist for the CCS program at the beginning of the second quarter of BCY2026.
- At the end of the second quarter WFSCB enrolled 251 children for the total of 2968.
- This enrollment places our performance at 96.1% of TWCs performance target 3025.
- Child Care enrollments (average number of children served per day) and performance for the second quarter (Q2) of BCY2026 are listed below. This data is from the Texas Child Care Connection (TX3C) child care case management system.

	Child Care Enrollment	TWC Performance Target	Performance Measure
January	3057	3080	100.7%
February	3118	3025	99.4%
March	3174	3025	99.5%

The continued functionality challenges of TX3C in reporting have made forecasting data reporting difficult. The lack of data has resulted in our inability to accurately track attendance, number of children with disabilities, customer wages, employers and unit costs. Additionally, due to functionality challenges we have had to create manual processes to be able to track information such as waitlist applicants, recertification letters, attendance, provider rates, and other functional areas of the program.

INFORMATION ONLY

VII-2c. Performance Update BCY2026- Third Quarter(Q3) April Outcomes & Action Plan for remainder of Q3.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As of March 2026, based on local monitoring of enrollment in the Child Care Services program, there were 3174 children enrolled in the CCS Program. The increase in enrollment attributed to opening enrollment to children who qualified for the CCS program. This enrollment places child care performance at 99.5%.

The action plan for child care performance for the remainder of the third quarter of BCY 2026 focuses on achieving monthly targets established through ongoing budgetary analysis while maintaining the CAP.

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VII-3a. Operations & Management of Child Care Services- BakerRipley Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

BakerRipley Management will provide updates on the Operations & Management of Child Care Services for the second quarter (Q2). TX3C System Update- TX3C System has undergone numerous updates throughout the year of its existence. Staff continue to provide updates, feedback and report progress or new challenges in their everyday work. Issues continue to be reported to TWC via Service Now Ticket system with the support of Board Professionals. TWC remains committed to resolving issues with the system.

- Operations Update- BakerRipley staff began the fiscal year with a few changes. One of the most notable changes is the addition of the Texas Rising Star Program (TRS). The program is composed of 1 supervisor and 6 Mentors. At this time, we have 2 vacancies. This program aligns well with BakerRipley's expertise due to the extensive program experience the agency has in the board areas as well as the support and guidance received from the Board.
- Work Experience Participation- During the first quarter we entered a partnership with C2GPS to participate in the Work Experience Program. We received the first participation who continues to thrive in the position.
- Provider Meeting – This bi-annual provider meeting was held in December. We had 133 providers represented.
- Staff Vacancies-3 Customer Service Advocates (two offers were made at the time of this report)

Community Impact- Employees Participated In:

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in October, raising $687 for the cause.
- Homeless Blessing Bag project provided 200 blessing bags that included everyday necessities along with 85 coats and winter clothing.
- The team also assisted with serving meals at the Mother Teresa Shelter.
- In October, Staff volunteered at the Coastal Bend Food Bank providing food for 604 households.
- BakerRipley will be providing goodie bags for some child care programs in the Coastal Bend in celebration of Week of the Young Child.

BakerRipley appreciates the support, participation and guidance of Board Staff and the Child Care Program Manager.

INFORMATION ONLY

VII- 4a. Child Care Quality Services (CCQS)- Texas Rising Star Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board team will provide the Committee with an update regarding the number of certified TRS child care providers currently in our region and the number of child care providers. Child care programs who enter into a Workforce Provider Agreement with WFSCB must become TRS certified within a two-year period to continue receiving subsidies for providing services in the CCS program.

Total Number of certified Texas Rising Star (TRS) child care providers: 165

☆☆☆☆ Texas Rising Star 4 Star Providers: 40

☆☆☆ Texas Rising Star 3 Star Providers: 69

☆☆ Texas Rising Star 2 Star Providers: 25

Entry Level Providers waiting to be certified: 25

Total Number of WFSCB child care providers who have received mentoring services: 165

There are currently 7 TRS mentors. The mentors have a case load of about 35 child care providers. We have 2 new mentors who are currently receiving training.

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VII-4b. Child Quality Services (CCQS)-Activities and Events (Q2)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board Professionals will provide an update on events and activities done in the second quarter (Q2).

Child Care Quality curriculum and resources:

- Frogstreet curriculum purchased for 21 child care providers totaling $135,211.10
- Lakeshore Entry Level Kits purchased for 21 child care providers totaling $ 37,909.87
- Ages and Stages Developmental Screening Tool for 155 providers totaling $ 39,218.63

Child Care Quality Professional Development:

- The Infant and Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN) Roadshow was held on January 31, 2026. Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend (WFSCB) hosted 133 teachers and directors at this event. The professional development sessions focused on early literacy, managing challenging behaviors, and supporting educators in infant and toddler classrooms. As part of the initiative, WFSCB purchased 100 literacy kits for participants to take back to their classrooms. Each kit cost $100, for a total investment of $10,245.00. The overall expenditure for the event was $12,383.00.

- Frogstreet Curriculum Training was held on March 28, 2026, with Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend hosting 212 teachers and directors. Participants selected from six professional development sessions, including Making Circle Time, Center Time, Read Aloud, and Small Group Instruction Intentional, as well as sessions on Special Needs Adaptation and Math and STEAM learning. Attendees received 4.5 clock hours of professional development. The total cost for the event was $25,994.00.

- WFSCB, in partnership with Del Mar College, enrolled 17 teachers and directors in the Child Development Associate (CDA) program. Participants will complete three courses over a six-month period to obtain their CDA certification. Tuition, books and testing fees fully covered for all participants. The total amount expended for this quarter was $7,344.00.

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VII-4c. Local Child Care Advisory Council Updates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC-Letter 19-23-Change 1: Issued December 19,2023; requires that local board areas form a childcare advisory committee. WFSCB has formed an Advisory Council represented by the following entities:

- Licensed childcare center participating in TWC's Child Care Services (CCS) program.
- Licensed or registered childcare home provider participating in (CCS).
- Current Parent served by Child Care Services.
- Baker Ripley the Board Child Care Services contractor.
- Three Child Care Servies Board member staff.
- A childcare community stakeholder representing the interests of the children and/or families served.

WFSCB Board Team members hosted the first quarterly Advisory Council meeting on:

- October 22,2025. Topics discussed:
  - Professional development
  - Parent inclusion
  - CDA training for childcare center staff.

- January 21,2026 via ZOOM. Topics discussed:
  - Introductions to new members of the Advisory Council.
  - Reviewed requirements of the council.
  - Professional development.
  - Inclusion for children with special needs. Discussed parent education support on this topic.
  - Accommodation for centers that children with special needs.
  - Staff retention bonus
  - CDA Training for teachers and directors at centers accepting Workforce scholarships.

Child Care Advisory committee will meet again on April 22,2026 via Zoom.

Program Title	Acronym	Program Description
Able-bodied Adult Without Dependents	ABAWD	An individual 18 yrs.+, but under the age of 50, without dependents. SNAP-ABAWD recipients are referred by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
Board Contract Year	BCY	Board Contract Year (runs from Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
Career & Education Outreach Program	CEOP	Provides career information to students at public middle and high schools, grades six through twelve, to direct students towards high-growth/high-demand occupations. Students receive in-depth information and directions on career choices as well as access to workforce resources.
Dislocated Worker	DW	An individual who has been terminated or laid off from employment is not eligible for unemployment benefits due to insufficient earnings and is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.
Department of Labor	DOL	United States Department of Labor
Educator Externship	EDEX	Informs teachers of the skill sets needed for in-demand jobs, and allows the teachers to inform and guide students toward employment in industries that match their skill sets.
Employment Services (Wagner-Peyser)	ES	Services for employers and job seekers to ensure employers have access to qualified workers. Provides job matching and recruitment services to employers and job seekers.
Eligible Training Provider	ETP	Training providers certified by the Texas Workforce Commission to provide WIOA-funded training programs.
Eligible Training Program List	ETPL	A comprehensive list of training programs approved for WIOA-funded training using Individual Training Accounts.
Fiscal Year	FY	The fiscal year is the accounting period of the federal government. It begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the next calendar year.
Individual Training Accounts	ITA	An account established for eligible WIOA customers for training in an array of state-approved training programs. ITAs may be used only for programs included on the statewide ETPL.
Local Workforce Development Board	LWDB	Local workforce development board established in accordance with WIA Section 117, for the purpose of policy planning for a local area and has the responsibility to ensure that the workforce needs of employers and job seekers in the geographic area governed by the local unit of government are met.
Monthly Performance Report	MPR	Performance accountability indicators used to assess the effectiveness of states and local workforce systems to achieve positive outcomes for individuals served by the six core workforce programs.
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program	MSFW	A nationally directed program created by Congress in response to the chronic seasonal unemployment and underemployment experienced by migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW). Provides funding to help migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families achieve economic self-sufficiency.
National Dislocated Worker	NDW	A grant awarded to areas affected by major disaster or national catastrophe to assist in disaster relief employment and assist the substantial number of workers who were forced to relocate from an area in which a disaster has been declared.
On-the-Job Training	OJT	One-on-one training located at the job site for participants who already have some job-related skills. By participating in training as an employee, the participant acquires new skills and knowledge and receives the same wages and benefits as current employees in the same or similar position.
Program Year	PY	Program Year (for example, Program Year 2022: PY'22; –period varies for state and federal years)
Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment	RESEA	A federal grant program designed to allow states to provide intensive reemployment assistance to individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits and are determined likely to exhaust their benefits before becoming reemployed.
Rapid Response	RR	Provides immediate on-site assistance to workers who have job losses due to businesses closure or worker reduction. Designed to transition workers to their next employment as soon as possible.

Program Title	Acronym	Program Description
Summer Earn and Learn	SEAL	A summer program that offers basic work-based learning and training services for students with disabilities such as, pre-employment work readiness training and preparation for the work experience placement; work experience to help gain familiarity with the workplace environment and develop transferable job skills; and paid compensation for time worked on the job.
Student HireAbility Navigator	SHAN	Student HireAbility Navigator's role is to expand and improve access to employment and training services and to increase employment opportunities for students with disabilities by creating strong partnerships between vocational rehabilitation (VR) Workforce Solutions offices, independent school districts (ISDs), community organizations, employers.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & 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).
Trade Adjustment Assistance	TAA	A federally funded program, with no costs to employers, who helps workers who are adversely affected by foreign import or job shifts to a foreign country.
Texas Education Agency	TEA	The branch of government in Texas responsible for public education. TEA is responsible for the oversight of public primary and secondary education in the state of Texas.
Texas Internship Initiative	TII	Provides part-time paid internships in Middle-Skill areas of accounting, business, construction management, engineering, healthcare, and information technology. Participating senior high school students must pass a dual-credit course to be placed in an internship with a local business. This grant is in partnership with Education to Employment (E2E) for the Coastal Bend.
Texas Industry Partnership Program	TIP	Supports collaborations between local workforce development boards and industry partners through the leveraging of matching contributions of cash or qualifying expenditures for occupational job training. Match funds must support certain WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) activities and focus on eight designated industry clusters.
Texas Veterans Commission	TVC	A state agency that assists veterans, their families, and survivors through services provided by federal, state, local government, and private organizations.
Texas Veterans Leadership Program	TVLP	A non-profit agency that provides services to veterans to help find employment and achieve successful transitions back into civilian life.
The Workforce Information System of Texas	TWIST	TWIST is a centralized point of reporting intake and case management 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, Unemployment Insurance, SNAP E&T, TANF, Supplemental Security Income, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	VRS	A federal program that helps individuals with physical or mental disabilities get and/or keep a job.
Work Experience	WE	A work-based learning opportunity in which program-eligible customers learn both essential and technical skills for long-term employment. Businesses are referred to as "work experience sites." Intended to be short-term (12 or fewer weeks) and part-time work experience can be a volunteer, internship, or temporary short-term paid-work setting.
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act	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.
Work In Texas	WIT	A comprehensive online job search resource and matching system developed and maintained by TWC. It provides recruiting assistance to Texas employers and job search assistance to any individual seeking work in Texas.
Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit	WOTC	A federal tax credit that the government provides to private-sector businesses for hiring individuals from nine target groups that have historically faced significant barriers to employment.