

CCDF State Plan

The federal Office of Child Care provides states with the required structure and information to be included in each state's CCDF State Plan. The required 8 sections of the CCDF State Plan are:

1. Define CCDF Leadership and Coordination with Relevant Systems and Funding Sources
2. Promote Family Engagement Through Outreach and Consumer Education
3. Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families
4. Ensure Equal Access to Child Care for Low-Income Children
5. Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings
6. Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce
7. Support Continuous Quality Improvement
8. Ensure Grantee Program Integrity and Accountability

Within the State Plan, states outline overarching goals for the upcoming three years. Below are areas that TWC is considering including in the upcoming CCDF State Plan.

- **Texas Rising Star** – establish goals for more subsidy providers to participate in Texas Rising Star and develop a structured outreach campaign to educate both parents and providers on Texas Rising Star.
- **Pre-K Partnerships** – continue collaborative efforts with the Texas Education Agency to help build and expand the availability of prekindergarten services within child care programs.
- **Child Care for Children with Disabilities or Special Needs** – efforts to strengthen inclusion practices in early childhood environments.
- **Statewide Family Child Care Network** – a staffed program that supports a network of family child care providers by providing a menu of services, including training and professional development, networking opportunities, technical assistance, and connecting providers to local and state resources.
- **Business Coaching** - addresses the unique needs of child care business owners through coaching to improve business practices and build stronger, more stable child care businesses.
- **Capacity Expansion** – efforts to increase the supply of high-quality child care by promoting creation of new child care businesses and increasing the number of slots in existing programs, including in child care deserts.
- **Employer-Supported Child Care** - technical assistance to employers interested in exploring the development of employer child care programs on-site or nearby.
- **Work-Based Learning Staffing Initiatives** - supporting high school or college students gain experience in a child care classroom for their internship or practicum, giving scholarships and supports to child care teachers who are currently in school, and supporting Registered Apprenticeship Programs.
- **Family Engagement** – create more opportunities for family feedback to improve the quality and accessibility of early learning services.

The CCDF State Plan Survey was open from January 19, 2024 to February 12, 2024, and collected 5,481 responses. Thank you to everyone who participated.