## Child Care Relief Fund

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Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) receives Federal Child Care Relief Funds (CCRF) provided through the American Rescue Plan Act and, in turn, provides those funds to eligible childcare providers through an application process. Using criteria established by the TWC commissioners, TWC determines the amount of CCRF funds each provider in Texas can receive.

TWC was notified that some Tarrant County childcare providers received calls from a company who asks for 10 percent of their CCRF award in exchange for assisting with the application process and guaranteeing to increase the award amount. Providers should be aware that if they use this "service," the 10 percent "fee" would be deemed a disallowed cost by TWC, and the provider would have to pay back that amount out of their own pocket. Providers should also note that the amount of CCRF funding for each provider is predetermined by TWC and there is no way to increase the allocation.

Providers should beware of anybody trying to sell their services to you in exchange for help with the application process. TWC technical assistance is always free, and our agents will never ask you for payment or for a portion of your award.

To learn more, please see our page on the <u>Child Care Relief Funds</u> and view the <u>status of</u> <u>applications and award amounts</u>.