



Workforce Solutions South Plains Child Care Services

Director's Corner

We are in the process of restructuring and refreshing our CCS processes. I would appreciate an email or phone call about what you think works well or doesn't work so well. We continuously work to improve our services and you are one of our valued customers, so any feedback is greatly appreciated!

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Holiday Closure

Child Care Services & CACFP will be closed on:

September 4, 2017
Labor Day



August 2017
to
October 2017

Why should you be a Texas Rising Star (TRS) Provider?

Contact CCS and discover the many benefits of TRS!

Jan, Liz or Rachel at
(806) 744-3572

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Client Services News

CCS is planning and preparing for the next transition from Summer to Fall. All providers have been mailed the Provider Care Change forms for children entering school for the first time or for schoolagers who will need care changes when school resumes. Please remember that time to complete these changes without affecting your billing is very limited, so please return the forms as quickly as possible and definitely before school starts.

Parents of children attending a summer only program have been sent a letter of notification and a transfer form for authorization for after school care. If you are providing services through a summer only program, please remind your parents of these letters and the importance of returning the completed form to CCS as quickly as possible. Parent share of costs will need to be paid in full to complete the transfer.

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Your ideas are needed
- ☺ School Changes needed
- ☺ Funding Opportunities

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I would like to take this opportunity to let all providers know that this will be my last newsletter article with CCS. I have had many wonderful years with CCS but the time has come for me to transition to another phase in life. I am grateful and thank all of you so much for allowing me the opportunity to work with many amazing and dedicated professionals. Although often overlooked in society and anything but easy, you all are doing one of the most noble and important professions in life - nurturing and guiding the smallest souls among us. Kuddos to all of you! I wish you all many blessings and continued success for many years to come.

Well wishes, Michelle Ford

CACFP News

Contract packets are due in the CACFP office by: Monday, August 28, 2017.



If you have a staff change or just want a review of the CACFP paperwork, please contact us for technical assistance.

Our annual CACFP trainings is coming soon and additional information will be sent to our providers when it becomes available.

Thank you to all CACFP Providers for attending our Annual Contract meeting and we appreciate your continued efforts in maintaining compliance with the rules and regulations of the food program!



Please welcome Alesia Chavez who is our new staff member to CACFP.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions and/or comments at 806-687-9726.

Absences

Report absences to the CCS email:
childcareservices@spworkforce.org

If you wish you may call and report absences to Britney Gillespie at 806-744-3572 Ext. 2178.

Report immediately if a child has 5 consecutive absences (this included Z's, I's and A's).

The portal should be checked daily.

When reporting absences, if you are reporting red Z's let us know:

- If the child(ren) are attending or not attending
- If the red z's are with or without contact
- If client has a card and not using it or needs a card

FROG Bus

The FROG Bus will resume visiting our providers outside of Lubbock County beginning September 5, 2017.

We look forward to see you all very soon!



Funding Opportunities

Scholarships are still available to CCS provider's who are taking child development classes. Please ask your Provider Services Representative for an application to see if CCS can help fund your higher education.

If you are interested in attending a child care training that CCS doesn't provide, please talk to or email your Provider Services Representative to see if we can help you cover the cost of the training.



New Providers

We would like to welcome the following providers to our CCS Team:

Kid Central Too
Licensed Center in Lubbock
Shirley Ann Lewis
Registered Home in Lubbock
Ms. Heather's Honey B's
Licensed Home in Lubbock
Little Lopes Learning Center
Licensed Center in Whiteface

Welcome

TOT Trainings

Remember to attend our Thursday evening TOT video trainings:

August 17, 2017
September 21, 2017
October 19, 2017

Please remind staff to be courteous of other staff that attend the trainings.

Talking, whispering, and other activities are disruptive.

Start time is 6:30 pm.
See you there!!!

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