



Workforce Solutions South Plains Child Care Services

Directors Corner

REPORTING ABSENCES

The attendance tracking system is now gone, the point of service devices have been returned. Now providers only need to report 5 consecutive absences to CCS via the form located on our website @ www.workforcesouthplains.org



ONLY REPORT 5 ABSENCES EACH TIME YOU SUBMIT, if the child is absent 5 days in a row (weekends/holidays do not start the counting over) submit the form. Thank you

Holiday Closures

Child Care Services & CACFP will be closed on the following days:

May 31st

In Observance of Memorial Day



July 5th

In Observance of Independence Day



May 2021
To
July 2021

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

Contact CCS and discover the many benefits of TRS!

TRS activity is on hold due to required Certification training for Assessors.

Please Contact Jan, Rachel or Stacey for more information at (806)-744-3572



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ School Holiday Request
- ☺ College Subsidies
- ☺ On-line Trainings

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Client Services Updates

It's hard to believe summer is drawing near.
As a reminder:

Please use the Provider School Holiday Request Form

Located on our website at www.workforcesouthplains.org.

Please **do not** use the *Choice of Provider* form for summer care requests.

Remember to use the email address childcareservices@spworkforce.org to report drops or changes needed to care. You can also scan forms to CCS using the email address if you have a scanner or if faxing is not an option.

I am always available to answer questions or assist if needed.

My email address is debra.garcia@spworkforce.org



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Nonpayment - Parent Share of Cost

Parent Share of Cost—Please remember to provide full name of parent and child(ren) involved and TWIST ID # on all emails. Be specific on the amount of CCS fees and the month(s) owed. CCS can not include any private fees they may owe, so only include CCS fees. Also, remember that parents can request a fee reduction and/or you can choose to drop clients for fees owed if you choose to do so.

Please Contact Amanda Davis for more information or to report late fees.
amanda.davis@spworkforce.org



CACFP News

On-Line Trainings



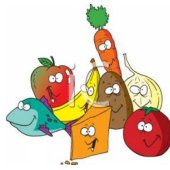
Helpful Tips for CACFP Providers:

Form H1530, Daily Meal Productions Records:

- ◆ Breakfast must serve all 3 components
- ◆ Lunch and Dinner must serve all 5 components
- ◆ Snacks must serve 2 of the 5 components

Ideals for Shelf-Stable Snacks:

- ◆ Applesauce (shelf-stable cups)
- ◆ Dried Fruit (such as bananas, cranberries, etc.)
 - ◆ Fruit Cups (shelf-stable cups)
 - ◆ Juice (100 %)
 - ◆ Whole Fruit (such as bananas, oranges, etc.)
- ◆ Whole Grain (breads, cereals, crackers, or tortillas)



When planning Snacks:

Consider the age groups ability to chew and swallow foods safely. Cut raw fruit and vegetables into pieces easier to eat.

Cut round, soft foods, like cherry tomatoes and grapes, into small pieces no larger than one-half inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ ”).

Cook food until slightly soft.

Avoid foods that may cause choking risk; such as, popcorn, dried meats, dried fruits and nuts.



CCS is currently providing monthly virtual trainings. Check your emails for information.

Need more training hours?

The following programs currently offer trainings at little or no cost.

Texas AgriLife Extension

<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/>

NAEYC

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/trainings-webinars>

Children's Learning Institute-CLI

<https://cliengage.org/>

Office of Head Start

www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/about/head-start

College Subsidies

College Subsidy applications for the Fall 2021 semester will be sent out in June.

In preparation, please check with your staff to find out if any are interested in attending South Plains College to earn a CDA or work towards an Associates Degree in Child Development. Students must not be receiving any grants or other financial aid to qualify for assistance.



Resource Room

CCS & the Resource Room are open to the public. If you need butcher paper, laminating or die cuts, please call and make an appointment with Provider Services staff to use the Resource Room.



New CCS Providers

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

Belles N Beaus

Licensed Child Care Home in Lubbock

Veronica Torres

Registered Child Care Home in Lubbock

Kingdom Kids Child Development Center

Licensed Child Care Center in Seminole

