



## EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 20140910-5A

Date: September 10, 2014

Subject: Texas Rising Star Program Policy Concept from Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Motioned By: Laura Koenig

Seconded By: Aletha Huston

### Recommendation

*Since the Capital Area Local Workforce board has consistently exceeding monitoring standards as part of its Texas Rising Star (TRS) assessment process which helps improve quality and builds capacity for quality, the Early Childhood Council recommends that TWC allow local board flexibility for TRS monitoring frequency to help meet our community's goals as outlined in the School Readiness Action Plan. The Council would like for a copy of this recommendation to go to TWC.*

### Description of Recommendation to Council

- *Support the Early Childhood Council's recommendation for TWC to allow local board flexibility in its monitoring frequency requirements for TRS child care centers.*
- *TWC's new child care rules will be proposed in October 2014 and this TRS Policy Concept will be included in the new rules. Therefore, immediate support of this recommendation is requested. It is anticipated that the ECC will have additional recommendations in response to the new TWC rules.*
- *Send TWC a copy of the Early Childhood Council's recommendation since the response date is September 11, 2014.*

### Rationale:

*More frequent monitoring of child care centers participating in the Texas Rising Star program aligns with the goals and strategies of the School Readiness Action Plan. Restricting frequent monitoring of at-risk child care centers would conflict with the plan's goals for improving quality for child care.*

### Vote

For: Kyle Holder, Laura Koenig, Larry Elsner, Rhonda Paver, Aletha Huston, Anurita Mitra, Dustin Breithaupt, Avis Wallace

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Albert Black, Debra Keith-Thompson, Jacquie Porter, Brook Son, Cindy Rodriguez

Attest: Cynthia D. Gamez, Early Childhood Coordinator, HHSD