Access to Quality Child Care in San Antonio, TX

September 2017
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Quality child care is quality early education, and leads to...

- Improved School-Readiness and 3rd Grade Reading Levels
- Higher Graduation Rates and a Better Prepared Workforce
- More Working Families

...especially for low-income children.
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Funding from federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

Subsidies administered by Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) through local workforce boards

Licensed centers, licensed homes, and registered homes eligible to receive subsidies
Qualifications to Receive Subsidies

• Generally, children may receive childcare subsidies if they meet the following criteria:

1. Their families are low-income, they are receiving or needing protective services, or their parents are receiving or transitioning off of public assistance

2. They are under the age of 13

3. Their parent(s) require child care to work or to attend job training or an education program
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- Low participation in Texas Rising Star (TRS) quality program
- Little coordination among key stakeholders
- Limited access to quality providers
Texas Rising Star participation by TWC Board

Texas Rising Star certifications among subsidy providers vary across TWC board regions.

1. Panhandle: 29%
2. South Plains: 6%
3. North Texas: 22%
4. North Central Texas: 10%
5. Tarrant County: 19%
6. Greater Dallas: 16%
7. Northeast Texas: 32%
8. East Texas: 31%
9. West Central Texas: 31%
10. Borderplex: 19%
11. Permian Basin: 9%
12. Concho Valley: 5%
13. The Heart of Texas: 22%
14. Capital Area: 24%
15. Rural Capital Area: 20%
16. Brazos Valley: 23%
17. Deep East Texas: 19%
18. Southeast Texas: 6%
19. Golden Crescent: 14%
20. Alamo: 13%
21. South Texas: 12%
22. Coastal Bend: 17%
23. Lower Rio Grande Valley: 9%
24. Cameron: 21%
25. Texoma: 9%
26. Central Texas: 14%
27. Middle Rio Grande: 28%
28. Gulf Coast: 13%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission (as of 9/2017)
### Subsidy and Texas Rising Star Participation by Region

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
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n=Total number of licensed child care providers in each region
Texas Rising Star Level Comparison by Region

n=Total number of TRS providers in each region

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Texas Rising Star Levels as Share of All Providers: Bexar County

- Providers Not Accepting Subsidies: 53%
- Non-TRS Certified Providers Accepting Subsidies: 40%
- TRS Level 2: 2%
- TRS Level 3: 1%
- TRS Level 4: 4%
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How we calculated the supply and demand for child care

For more information on our methodology, please visit: http://childrenatrisk.org/texas-child-care-desert-methodology/

Supply

Includes supply of all child care seats based on licensed capacity*

All providers

Includes estimated supply of subsidy seats* based on each TWC board region’s subsidy target

Subsidy providers

Texas Rising Star

Demand

Includes demand among all children under 6 with working parents

*Does not currently include providers on military bases. We will include this data in future updates.

Only includes demand among low-income children under 6 with working parents
Key Findings for Bexar County

There are **15,700 more** low-income children than subsidized child care seats (74% lack access)

There are **19,900 more** low-income children than TRS-certified seats (94% lack access)

Statewide, 71% of low-income children lack access to a subsidized seat

94% lack access to a TRS-certified seat
Key Findings for Bexar County

Focus on quality: Nearly 15% higher TRS level-4 certifications than state average

Income disparity: Median household income in non-deserts $14,000/year higher than in subsidized child care deserts
How we calculated child care deserts

Is this ZIP code a child care desert?

Are there at least 30 children age 0-5 with working parents?  
YES  
Is there at least one child care center/registered home?  
YES  
What is the ratio of children 0-5 to the cumulative child care capacity?  
Less than 3-to-1  
More than 3-to-1

NO  
Not a child care desert  
Child care desert  
Not a child care desert  
Child care desert

Subsidized and TRS deserts only include low-income children and providers that accept subsidy/are TRS-certified

Source: Graphic and methodology adapted from Center for American Progress (http://ampr.gs/2eQvPsu)
### Bexar County Characteristics

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Only includes child care demand among **low-income** children.
Bexar County Median Household Income by Desert Type

- Non-deserts: $65,032
- Child care deserts: $55,563
- Subsidized child care deserts: $51,977
- TRS child care deserts: $53,764
# Bexar County Race and Ethnicity by Desert Type

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Undersupply & Oversupply: Bexar’s **Subsidized Seats**

Subsidized seats: over- and under-supply of child care seats for low-income kids

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19 ZIP Codes have 0 Texas Rising Star seats. For a full list, see our child care desert map.

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Child Care Deserts in Houston

http://childrenatrisk.org/childcaredesertmap/
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What could work in San Antonio?

What could work in Texas?
Ecosystem for Quality Child Care

- **Family Information** about Quality Care Options in Their Area
- **Teacher Certification and Credentialing**
- **Staff Salary Incentives and Retention**
- **Government Structures** That Regulate and Ensure Quality
- **Local School Districts** Understanding Impacts of Quality
- **Cost** Enables Parents to Choose Quality Options
- **Information** for Providers about Quality and Certification

Factors Aimed at Enabling Demand

Factors Aimed at Enabling Supply
2.9 million children live in 58 counties devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

Governor Abbott made a disaster proclamation for these 58 counties on 8/27/17.
Who represents the **2.9m** Texas children affected by Hurricane Harvey?

44% of TX House reps
- 38 Republicans
- 27 Democrats

58% of TX Senators
- 9 Republicans
- 9 Democrats

Source: CHILDREN AT RISK analysis of data on legislative representation in the 58 counties declared disaster areas by Governor Abbott