



## PROVIDER TRAINING LINKS

### Education/Professional Development/Tools

- Go to the Council for Professional Recognition's website at [cdacouncil.org](http://cdacouncil.org) (Continuing Go to the Family Service Association's website at [Family-Service.org](http://Family-Service.org)).
- Go to the San Antonio Association for the Education of Young Children at [wordpress.com](http://wordpress.com). Click on Calendar. (Education/Certification)
- [USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program](#): Provides nutritious meals and snacks to infants, young children, and impaired adults in day care (Resources/Nutrition/Education)
- Go to Texas Early Care and Education Career Development System- TECECDS ([org](#)) for the Texas Trainer Registry, which is a database of qualified trainers all across Texas in the early childhood field. (Education/Tools)
- [Children's Learning Institute](#): The mission of the Children's Learning Institute (CLI) is to create a quality learning environment for all children through classroom curriculum, teacher mentoring, clinical programs, and applied research. Our goal is to make sure every child is equipped to learn and able to excel. (Research/Education/Tools)
- [National Network for Child Care \(NNCC\)](#) : Networks with committed individuals around the country to bring you practical information and resources that will be useful to you in your everyday work with children (Education/Resources)
- [National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care](#) : Provides child care licensure regulations for each state as well as health and safety tips, and other resources (Education)
- [National Child Care Association \(NCCA\)](#) : A professional trade association focused exclusively on the needs of licensed, private childhood care and education programs and is the only organization representing the specific interests of the licensed, private community (Education/Advocacy/Professional Development/Community Engagement)
- [National School-Age Care Alliance \(NSACA\)](#) : Promotes quality school-age care and encourages before- and after-school programs to seek accreditation through their organization (Education)
- [Prevent Child Abuse Texas](#): The leading organization working to prevent the abuse and neglect of our state's children (Advocacy/Policy/Prevention/Education)

- [Texas Association for the Education of Young Children \(TAEYC\)](#): Is an affiliate of NAEYC and is committed to excellence in early childhood education (Education/Advocacy/Policy)
- [Texas Child Care Solutions](#): The purpose of TCCS is to provide parents access to accurate and consistent information to assist them in making informed choices to meet their child care needs. (Education/Resources)
- Go to the Texas Cooperative Extension's website at [tamu.edu](http://tamu.edu). You may also contact the Extension agent at (210)467-6575 for Bexar County, (830) 257-6568 for Kerr, Kendall, Gillespie, Bandera & Medina Counties. Call (512)393-2120 for Guadalupe & Wilson counties. [Early Childhood Education Program - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#); [Childcare Training Courses | Texas A&M AgriLife Extension](#) (Professional Development)

### **Voice/Policy/Advocacy**

- Go to the Southern Early Childhood Association's website at <https://www.seca.info/> (Voice/Policy)
- [Office of Head Start](#): Head Start Information and Publication Center: Source for Head Start publications, including Program Performance Standards, Information Memorandums, and more (Policy/Regulation)
- [Texans Care for Children](#): Provides information for advocates and policymakers about the well-being of children (Resources/Policy)
- [National Black Child Development Institute \(NBCDI\)](#): Improves and protects the quality of life of African-American children and families (Advocacy)
- [Welfare Information Network](#): Clearinghouse for information, policy analysis, and technical assistance on welfare reform, including child care benefits (Policy)
- [Center for Public Policy Priorities](#): A policy research organization that works to influence the economic and social conditions of individuals, families, and communities (Voice/Policy)
- Go to the National Child Care Association's website at [nccanet.org](http://nccanet.org) or call 1-800-543-7161. (Voice/Policy)
- Go to the Texas Licensed Child Care Association's website at [tlcca.org](http://tlcca.org). (Voice/Policy)
- [Administration for Children and Families](#): A federal agency funding state, local, and tribal organizations to provide programs for children and families (Education/Advocacy/Grants)
- [Center for the Child Care Workforce](#): Works to improve the quality of child care services by upgrading the wages, benefits, training opportunities, and working conditions for child care teachers and family child care providers (Voice/Policy/Advocacy)
- [Texas Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#): Administers state and federal human services programs that benefit low-income families and children, victims of

domestic violence, and people who are elderly or have disabilities (Education/Advocacy/Policy)

- [Texas Department of Family and Protective Services \(DFPS\)](#): Government agency that manages community-based programs that prevent delinquency, ill-treatment, and exploitation of children, the elderly, and disabled adults (Education/Advocacy/Policy)
- [Child Care Aware](#): Is committed to helping parents locate quality child care and child care resources in their community by connecting them with the local agencies best equipped to serve their needs (Research/Policy/Advocacy)
- [Children's Defense Fund](#): Child advocacy organization that works to ensure children a safe and healthy life (Voice/Policy/Advocacy)

### **Regulations/Accreditations/Memberships**

- Go to the National Association for Regulatory Administration's website at [naralicensing.org](http://naralicensing.org). (Regulations/Membership opportunities)
- [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#) : Devoted to assuring the provision of high-quality early childhood programs for young children (Accreditation/Membership)
- Go to the National Association for Family Child Care's (NAFCC) website at [nafcc.org](http://nafcc.org) (Home Based Child Care Accreditation/Membership)
- [Zero to Three](#): Promotes the healthy development of our nation's infants and toddlers by supporting and strengthening families, communities, and those who work on their behalf (Education/Policy/Advocacy/Membership)

### **Data**

- [U.S. Bureau of the Census](#): Offers useful child care data, i.e., child care costs and use of various child care arrangements (Economic Data)