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NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Recommendation for Child Care Direct Referrals from Recognized Partners

Background:
The Texas Workforce Commission issued guidance on April 12, 2021 that requires Workforce Development Boards to develop policies to support direct referrals from recognized child care partnerships.

Information:

A recognized partnership is a partnership that:

(1) exists between an Early Learning Program and one of the following:
(A) a public school pre-kindergarten provider;
(B) a local education agency;
(C) a Head Start/Early Head Start program; and

(2) requires both parties to have entered into an agreement, such as a memorandum of understanding, and serves children under the age of six who are dually enrolled in both programs.

Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT) will support direct referrals from recognized partnerships and the Child Care Services Subrecipient will establish procedures to ensure that children referred from a partnership as described above, are not placed on the WSNCT child care waiting list, and are referred for care based on available funding.

Recommendation:
The Workforce Development Committee recommends that the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board approve the Child Care Direct Referrals from Recognized Partners policy by the

Effective Date: July 27, 2021

Attachment: Proposed Board Policy on Child Care Direct Referrals from Recognized Partners

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