

**Did you know that 90%  
of the brain develops  
before age five?**



**High-quality early learning programs  
help support your child's development  
and set them up for a  
successful future!**

Please visit [www.TexasRisingStar.org](http://www.TexasRisingStar.org) for more information about how you can select a high-quality program for your child.



**TEXAS  
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**

For more information, contact your  
Local Workforce Development Board at:

**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**  
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

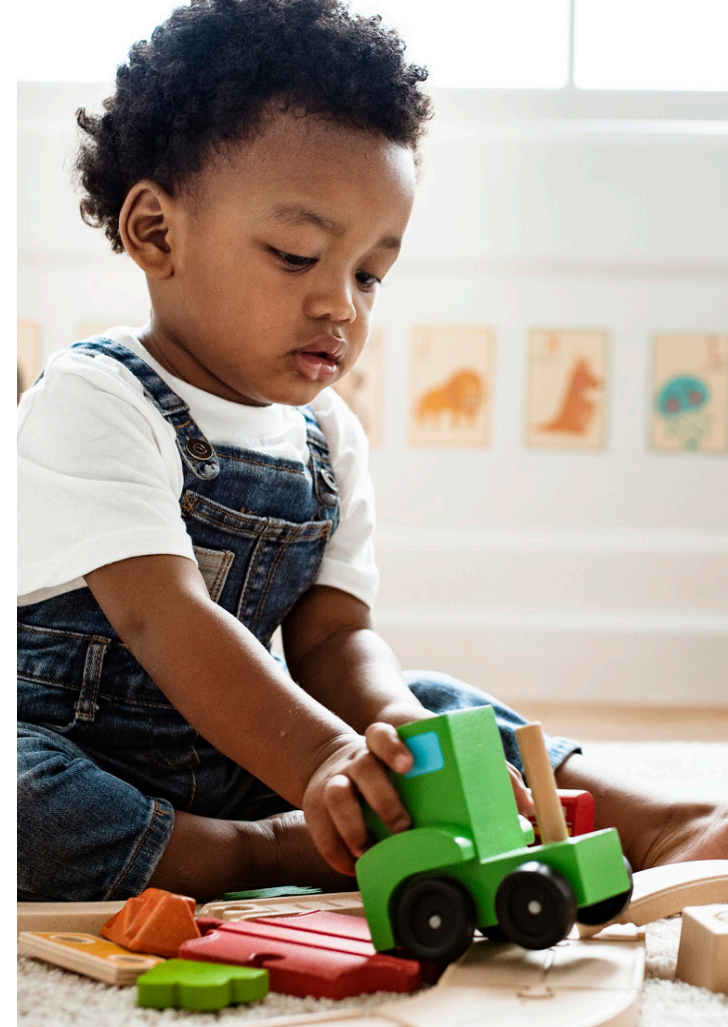
CHILD CARE SERVICES

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**Texas**   
**Rising Star**

**Parent Guide**

# What is Texas Rising Star?



Texas Rising Star early learning programs are dedicated to quality and meet higher standards than the state's minimum child care licensing standards.

## What Might a Texas Rising Star Early Learning Program Provide?

- Smaller class sizes and more teachers;
- Teachers with higher education and ongoing training;
- Positive and patient teachers;
- Age-appropriate activities and quality curriculum;
- Indoor and outdoor classrooms that help with learning and development;
- Support for learning at home; and
- Community resources for families.

# Selecting High-Quality Child Care

## 1. Search for child care:

<https://find.childcare.texas.gov>

Search for available care in your area. Texas Rising Star early learning programs are highlighted. Be sure to click on "View certificates and inspection reports" within the child care program profile to understand any health or safety violations.

## 2. Determine your budget:

How much can you spend on child care each month? Visit your local Texas Workforce Solutions office to ask if your family qualifies for child care financial assistance.

## 3. Understand the types of care provided:

Child care can take place in registered or licensed homes, centers, after-school programs and during nontraditional hours.

## 4. Be a smart shopper:

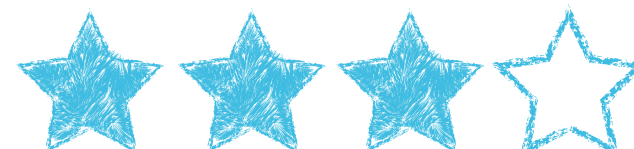
Once you find programs that meet your basic needs, visit them and ask for a tour. If you've selected a Texas Rising Star early learning program, your child will be attending a higher-quality program that is dedicated to helping your child succeed.

# Levels of Certification

## Texas Rising Star



Four out of four star certification



Three out of four star certification



Two out of four star certification

<b>Two-Star</b>	<b>Three-Star</b>	<b>Four-Star</b>
<i>Meets some quality standards</i>	<i>Meets most quality standards</i>	<i>Meets nearly all quality standards</i>

If your child is currently enrolled in a program that is not Texas Rising Star certified, we can help them with the certification process.

Ask your provider to visit [www.TexasRisingStar.org](http://www.TexasRisingStar.org) for more details.