

*APPLICATION FOR
TEXAS RISING STAR PROVIDER CERTIFICATION*

Texas Rising Star Provider certification is voluntary and recognizes enrolled child care providers who exceed minimum licensing standards and who meet certain additional criteria. All child care providers that have agreements with a Board's child care contractor are eligible to apply for assessment and certification. Child care providers who choose to become Texas Rising Star Providers have access to resources that are not available to other contracted child care providers. Child Protective Services children are placed primarily in Texas Rising Star Provider facilities.

Application for Assessment/Certification

Name of Facility:	
Address:	
Facility Telephone:	Contact Telephone:
Owner:	
Director:	
Type of Facility (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Center <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Group Day Home <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Family Home	Type of National Accreditation (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) <input type="checkbox"/> National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) <input type="checkbox"/> National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) <input type="checkbox"/> National School Age Care Alliance (NSACA)
Regulating entity (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> State of Texas (TDPRS) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Association of Christian Child Care Agencies, Inc. (for Alternately Accredited providers)	
TDPRS License Number (if State regulated):	Child Care Contractor Provider Number:
Name/Title of person making application:	
Name/Title of person authorized to contract for facility:	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 20px;"> Signature of person authorized to contract for facility </div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> Date </div>	

Provider Assurances

The Texas Rising Star Provider guidelines contain prerequisites that must be met in order for a child care provider to be assessed. Documentation of all assurances must be submitted with the application for assessment. (Nationally accredited child care providers or child care providers regulated by the U.S military do not undergo an assessment. They must sign the assurances and submit the corresponding documentation.) The contracted child care provider's signature below is assurance that these requirements are fully met and the assessment/certification process may be initiated.

The enrolled childcare provider assures that:

1. The enrolled child care provider is in compliance with all applicable child care licensing standards
 - a) The enrolled childcare provider has a current, permanent TDPRS license or registration or is regulated by the U.S. military.
 - b) The facility has completed a current, approved fire, health, and gas leak test, with all conditions met.
 - c) All citations for non-compliance by TDPRS Licensing or by the U.S. military since the Provider Agreement date have been corrected within the designated timeframes.
 - d) Any probationary condition placed on the facility since the Provider Agreement date or the date of the last Texas Rising Star Provider Criteria Review, whichever is most recent, are now in compliance.

2. The enrolled childcare provider has written documentation of an orientation plan for new staff members that meet all licensing requirements.

3. The enrolled child care provider recognizes the critical importance of using qualified staff members in providing a safe environment and an effective, age-appropriate, child development program and will work to reach the goal of having 75% of the facility's full-time caregivers meeting the Texas Rising Star criteria for staff qualifications.

4. The enrolled child care provider must have written policies available to every parent that describe the following:
 - a) hours and days of operation
 - b) child health policies
 - c) fees
 - d) complaint procedures
 - e) meal service
 - f) discipline
 - g) clothing
 - h) absences
 - i) parent conferences
 - j) program philosophy and/or goals

Signature	
Title	Date