

# COVID-19 Child Care Stabilization Grants for Closed Providers Discussion Paper

## 1 **Background**

2 On May 5, 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) three-member Commission  
3 (Commission) authorized Child Care Stabilization Grants (CCSG) for closed subsidy providers.  
4 These grants are funded with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act  
5 funding. One of the allowable uses of these funds are for continued payments and assistance to  
6 child care providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures, and to assure the providers  
7 can remain open or reopen.

8 CCSG was designed as a framework to support temporarily closed child care programs. Under  
9 the CCSG parameters, child care providers receiving grants were required to attest that they plan  
10 to re-open when their zoned public school district re-opens physical campuses. In addition, the  
11 Commission noted its intent to continue to monitor the need for CCSGs and evaluate the length  
12 of time that grant funds would remain available.

## 13 **Issue**

14 The Commission must determine how long CCSGs will remain available to closed subsidy  
15 providers. Under the [Texas Education Agency re-opening guidance](#), all public school districts  
16 may elect to remain physically closed for in-person instruction for four weeks. The Commission  
17 should consider establishing an end date for all CCSGs, and consider that many schools will be  
18 reopening for in-person instruction at the end of September.

## 19 **Decision Points**

20 Staff seeks direction on:

- 21 • Concluding the CCSG program for all CCSG grant recipients effective September 30,  
22 2020.