

## TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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<b>Effective:</b>	Immediately

**To:** Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors  
Commission Executive Offices  
Integrated Service Area Managers



**From:** Laurence M. Jones, Director, Workforce Development Division

**Subject:** **Certification of Early Childhood School Readiness Program Expenditures and Child Care Local Match Agreements with the State Center**

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### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with guidance related to:

- certifying state Early Childhood School Readiness Program expenditures; and
- entering into local match agreements with the State Center for Early Childhood Development (State Center) for State Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 (SFY'10 and SFY'11).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2009), appropriated \$7.5 million to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for each year of the SFY'10 and SFY'11 biennium for the Early Childhood School Readiness Program.

General Appropriations Act, 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2009), Article VII, Texas Workforce Commission (Commission), Rider 27 requires the Commission to match the amount of available general revenue for the Early Childhood School Readiness Program. For each year of the SFY'10 and SFY'11 biennium, the Commission will provide \$11.7 million or the maximum amount allowable under the approved match rate, whichever is greater, to child care providers participating in the State Center's integrated school readiness models.

Because TEA certifies general revenue funds for the Early Childhood School Readiness Program as match for Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) federal matching funds, the local expenditure of these funds cannot be certified as match for CCDF federal matching funds for SFY'10 and SFY'11.

Additionally, because the State Center will receive federal funds from the Commission's general appropriation, local State Center expenditures cannot be certified as match for CCDF federal matching funds for SFY' 10 and SFY' 11.

**PROCEDURES:**

For SFY' 10 and SFY' 11, Boards must not:

**NLF**

- accept certifications for expenditures from the Early Childhood School Readiness Program as part of their local match agreements; and
- enter into local match agreements with the State Center to draw down CCDF federal matching funds.

**INQUIRIES:**

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to [wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us).

**RESCISSIONS:**

None

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**REFERENCE:**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care and Development Fund, 45 C.F.R. Part 98

General Appropriations Act, 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2009), Article VII, Texas Workforce Commission, Rider 27

Texas Workforce Commission Child Care Services Rules: 40 TAC §809.17

**FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:**

**No Local Flexibility (NLF):** This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by "must" or "shall."

**Local Flexibility (LF):** This rating indicates that Boards have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by "may" or "recommend."