

# Licensed Child Care Centers

## MARKET RATE AND COST OF QUALITY SURVEY QUESTIONS

The following questions will be asked to all providers participating in the Market Rate and Cost of Quality Surveys:

### Hours of Operation

- What are your hours of operation, M-F?
- What are your hours of operation on Saturday and Sunday, if any?
- Do you offer drop-in care?
- How many days a year do you close for holidays? For personal vacation?

### Enrollment and Rates

- Altogether, how many children are enrolled at your center?
- How many age groups does your center have based on your rate structure?
- What is the age range for each age group?
- How many children come full-day in each age group? How many come part-day/afterschool in each age group?
- What are your standard full-time / part-day rates for each age group?
- Do you have a waiting list for any of your age groups?

### Additional Charges

- Do you have a one-time registration fee? Yearly or semester fees? If so, how much?
- Do you charge an activity/supply fee? If so, how much?
- Do you provide any discounts in the form of a sliding scale?
- Do you accept CCS children (children receiving subsidies)? How many slots do you allocate for CCS children?
- Do you provide regular transportation?

### Administrative Information

- Are you non-profit?
- Are you part of a local/regional chain, a national chain, or are you independently owned?
- Are you associated with a church or religious organization?
- Is your child care associated with a public school? (Includes public universities)
- Do you receive anything (e.g., building use, utilities, volunteer work) for a free or reduced price?
- Does your center participate in the federal Child Care Food Program?
- Do your center receive any financial donations?

## Accreditations

- Is your service certified as a Texas Rising Star provider? If yes, how many stars do you have?
- Is your center nationally accredited? If yes, by whom?

## CHILD CARE COST OF QUALITY SURVEY QUESTIONS ONLY

The following questions will only be asked to providers participating in the Child Care Cost of Quality Survey:

- What is your estimated annual fee to maintain your national accreditation?

## Director

- How many years of experience do you (the director) have working in childcare or early childhood education?
- What is your highest level of education?
- Do you have a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential?
- Do you have a Child Care Administrator Certificate or credential?
- Do you provide direct care on a regular basis (as opposed to filling in)?

## Staffing

- How many direct care staff work at your center? How many of these staff are full-time?
- What is the highest degree of your direct care staff?
- How many of your direct care staff have a CDA? How many of these staff have less than three years of experience working in early childhood education? How many have eight or more years of experience?

## Pay Rates and Benefits

- Do hourly wages differ based on what age-group a teacher is teaching?
- What are the hourly wages for your highest and lowest paid full-time lead teachers?
- What are the hourly wages for your highest and lowest paid full-time assistant teachers?
- Do you offer benefits for your direct care staff (e.g., reduced tuition for staff, retirement program, health insurance, paid time off, etc.)?

## Training

- In the past 12 months, did your center have any training expenses (e.g., conference or workshop fees, onsite training fees, online training fees, travel costs, etc)?

## Staff Turnover and Absenteeism

- How many direct care staff left your center in the last 12 months? How many were full-time?

- When direct care staff are absent or there are vacancies in classrooms, how do you cover for them?

### **Child/Staff Ratio**

- How many classrooms do you have for this age group?
- What is the typical number of children per teacher for a classroom in each age group?
- How many children are typically in a classroom for this age group?

### Curriculum and Assessment

- Do you use a curriculum or prepared set of activities? If yes, which curriculum? Where do you obtain it?
- Does your center use formal assessment to measure children's developmental progress? If not, does your center use informal assessments to measure children's developmental progress?

### Planning

- How many paid hours each week is each direct care staff given for planning children's activities?

### Nutrition

- Does your center provide free meals and snacks? How many snacks per day? How many meals per day?