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Child Care Assistance Funding For Central Texas Service Industry

BELTON, Texas – In response to service-industry employee shortages because of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has implemented a Service Industry Recovery (SIR) child care program to assist low-wage workers in specific service-related industries whose jobs cannot be done remotely.

To qualify for SIR program, one or both parents must be employed or in the process of attaining employment in specified service industries. Approved industries have been defined by the TWC as Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, Accommodation and Food Service, and Retail.

[Industries at a Glance: Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation: NAICS 71 \(bls.gov\)](#)

[Industries at a Glance: Accommodation and Food Services: NAICS 72 \(bls.gov\)](#)

[Industries at a Glance: Retail Trade: NAICS 44-45 \(bls.gov\)](#)

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas is working with local employers and child care facilities to ensure that those who qualify for the assistance are able to register and benefit from the child care funding.

“A major obstacle facing Central Texas residents working in the Service Industry is the lack of affordable child care. Here at Workforce Solutions of Central Texas we are committed to providing resources to our job seekers that will have a positive impact on them as they re-enter the Workforce and lessen the worry many families face when caring for children. WSCT is actively connecting with working families throughout the community to encourage them to apply for this time-limited funding where we can provide child care assistance at no cost to the parent for up to 12 months,” said Kim Alexander, Child Care Policy and Quality Assurance Expert, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas.

For more information about the Service Industry Relief Fund or other Workforce Solutions programs, please go to [Parents + Guardians – Workforce Solutions of Central Texas](https://www.workforcesolutionsctx.com/parents-guardians) ([workforcesolutionsctx.com](https://www.workforcesolutionsctx.com)).