



Education & Youth Committee Meeting



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1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF QUORUM

Dr. Armando Aguirre,
Education and Youth Committee Chair



2. ACTION ITEMS



ITEMS POSTED FOR ACTION

A: Discussion and action to approve the Proposed Policy Change to Establish a Desert Priority Group

David Cuellar,
Family Services Program Coordinator

Current WSB Priority Group for Child Care Policy

The locally established priority group for child care services in accordance with § 809.43 of the Texas Workforce Commission child care rules, subject to the availability of funds and included, in the order of priority is as follows:

1. Siblings of children who are participating in child care services;
2. Children of families participating in workforce employment and training programs who are referred by workforce staff;
3. Children of families participating in Workforce Solutions Borderplex initiatives or projects, when authorized in writing by WSB headquarters (HQ) CEO or designee;
4. Children of military parents returning from combat needing care within 90 days of return;
5. Other children of individuals at-risk of becoming dependent upon public assistance will be served based upon date of placement on the child care waiting list or the date of request for services if there is no waiting list.
6. Children of workers identified by TWC as essential to the post-covid19 economic recovery.

Proposed Priority Group for Child Care and Order Priority Policy Change

- Add as a priority group for child care:
 - Children of families living in a rural desert area
- In the order of priority:
 - Children of families living in a rural desert area be identified as priority number 5 and move the current priorities 5 and 6 to reflect as priorities as 6 and 7



3. ACTIVITY REPORTS



ITEMS NOT POSTED FOR ACTION

A: Discussion and updates on Child Care Services

- Business Support
 - Child Care Industry Support (CCIS)
 - Professional Development
 - Alpine ISD – Child Development Center
 - Texas Rising Star (TRS) Mentors

David Cuellar,
Family Services Program Coordinator

Business Support

- **Child Care Industry Support (CCIS):**
 - Connecting existing CCS Providers with state and local grants
 - Outreaching and recruiting child care providers to become CCS Contracted Providers
 - Hosted a hiring fair with EPISD graduating students for teacher openings with CCS Providers
- **Professional Development:**
 - Providing Safe Spaces For Everyone
 - Classroom Management
 - What is Your Focus
 - Learning on the Go
 - Frog Street Curriculum Training
- **Degree Plans and Certifications at EPCC:**
 - Child Development Associate of Applied Science
 - Teacher Assistant Certificate of Completion
 - Infant and Toddler Certificate of Completion

Business Support

- **WSB has deployed its newest support team: Texas Rising Star Mentors**

- Assist child care and early learning programs in obtaining, maintaining, and improving TRS certification status
- Provide technical assistance and coaching support
- Model best practices
- Provide constructive feedback
- Deliver targeted training

Business Support

- **Alpine ISD – Early Child Development Center:**

- Tentative Date to Open – August 1, 2023
- Funding Received:
 - Start-Up and Expansion funding from TWC
 - Child Care Quality funding from WSB
- Target license capacity between 50 - 60 children
- Interest list of 35 children as of June 1st

B: Discussion on Youth Services

- Presentations on NextForce
- Growing Forward

Odette Flores-Ruiz, Workforce Program Specialist and
Janell Valles, NextForce Manager

TWC Forum - May 2, 2023

- Youth focus session: Building Bridges – Connecting Youth to the Workforce Session Panel Discussion
- Strategies for engagement efforts, such as:
 - Nextforce
 - Rise and Grind Videos
 - Youth Listening Sessions
 - Chamizal Recreational Center Co-location
 - El Paso Opportunity Youth Network

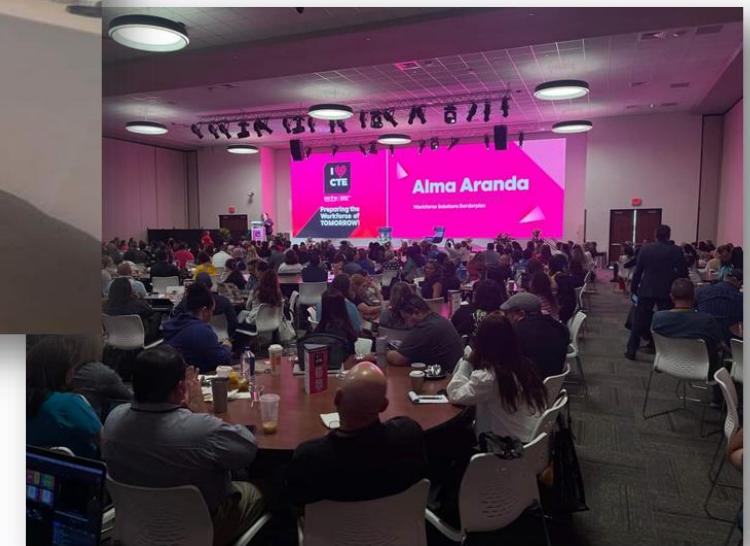
Recent Presentations on Nextforce

- Commissioner Albert Trevino
- El Paso Council for International Visitors Canadian Delegation



2023 ESC 19 CTE Conference

Preparing the Workforce of Tomorrow



Growing Forward

200-240 hours of subsidized employment

Total Slots: Approximately 60

- 21 slots reserved for the Rural population
- 39 slots reserved for the El Paso population

Youth Currently Participating: 38

Approximately 22 available slots

Employers: 24 signed agreements

Total Referrals: 163

- **Request for a waiver from TWC**

Update as of 6/16/2023



C: Discussion and presentation on Star Central Studios Learning Center partnership

Bianca Cervantes, Communications Director

Workforce Wednesday

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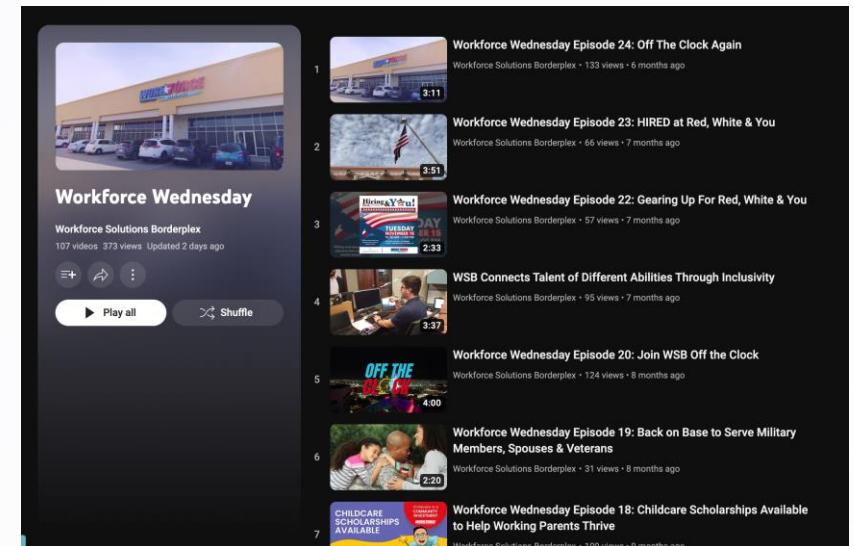
A storytelling machine based on the collaborative community efforts showcasing Borderplex prosperity in workforce and economic development.

Monthly feature premiering on WSB Youtube and other partner avenues inclusive of Nextforce pillars of development.

- Nextforce Soft Skills (WSB)
 - Time Management
 - Project Management
 - Teamwork
 - Conflict Resolution
 - EQ

- WSB Eco/WFDev Ambassadorship
 - Success stories
 - Programs & Services
 - Business R&E
 - Community Networking

- Hard Skills (SCSLC)
 - Direction
 - Producing
 - Screenwriting
 - Post-Production
 - etc



4. Discussion on items of interest for next agenda – August 25, 2023

Adjourn