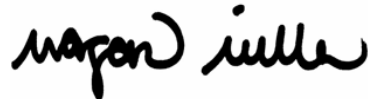


**TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**  
**Workforce Development Letter**

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



**From:** Reagan Miller, Director, Child Care & Early Learning Division

**Subject:** Board Strategic Planning for Quality Improvement Event—Update

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this WD Letter is to provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with updated guidance on Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)–funded travel costs associated with attending the Board Strategic Planning for Quality Improvement 2024 and 2025 events.

**RESCISSIONS:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Texas Government Code [§2308.317](#) requires TWC to ensure that federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) funds are used for local quality improvement activities. Additionally, Boards must expend a portion of CCDF funds on activities that improve the quality of child care.

On May 7, 2024, TWC’s three-member Commission (Commission) [approved](#) funding for a Board Strategic Planning for Quality Improvement statewide convening of Boards in August 2024 to help Boards plan how to best use Board Contract Year (BCY) 2025 Child Care Quality (CCQ) funds. Additionally, on April 16, 2024, the Commission [approved](#) funding for a convening to be held in BCY’25.

These events will provide Boards with training and technical assistance in data-driven decision-making and with best practices in strategic planning and program design to address local needs through the strategic investment of quality improvement funding.

**PROCEDURES:**

**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.”

**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.”

**NLF:** Boards must be aware that attendance is limited based on Board size, as defined in Attachment 1, as follows:

- Large Boards—Five Board or contractor staff members
- Medium Boards—Four Board or contractor staff members
- Small Boards—Three Board or contractor staff members

**NLF:** Boards must be aware that the funds provided are only for the approved attendees and for the most cost-effective travel arrangements, including travel and lodging.

**NLF:** Boards must be aware that funds will be added to their BCY’24 and BCY’25 CCQ grant awards in accordance with the approved allocation in Attachment 1.

**NLF:** Boards must report their obligations and expenditures in the Cash Draw and Expenditure Reporting (CDER) system under the cost category “BSP–Quality Improvement Event.” The category will be a regular (not supplemental) cost category for the BCY’24 and BCY’25 CCQ grant awards.

**NLF:** Boards must retain documentation of how the funds were used.

**NLF:** Boards must ensure that approved staff members register to attend the event in accordance with TWC’s forthcoming invitation.

**LF:** For questions about the event, Boards may contact Madelynn Martinez at [madelynn.martinez@twc.texas.gov](mailto:madelynn.martinez@twc.texas.gov).

**INQUIRIES:**

Send inquiries regarding this WD Letter to [childcare.programassistance@twc.texas.gov](mailto:childcare.programassistance@twc.texas.gov).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Travel Funds Distributed by Local Workforce Development Board  
BCY’24 and ’25

Attachment 2: Revisions to WD Letter 11-23 Shown in Track Changes

**REFERENCES:**

Child Care Quality Strategic Planning & Expenditures Guide