



Texas Licensed Child Care Association 2009 Fact Sheet

Our Mission

The Texas Licensed Child Care Association is the state's leading organization dedicated to promoting affordable, quality, licensed, early childhood care and education. With more than 8000 licensed facilities in Texas, the early care and education profession is the 11th fastest growing industry in our state, creating more than 145,000 jobs and \$2.3 billion in annual wages.

Our Work

Through education, advocacy, and service, TLCCA helps child care professionals:

- improve business practices
- deepen understanding of child development
- speak with a collective voice in Austin and Washington D.C.
- advocate the benefits of licensed care and education

Our Priorities

TLCCA is active in helping shape policy in Texas that affects our members and the children we are entrusted to protect and ready for school. Working with lawmakers, stakeholders, and our members, TLCCA improves the quality of care and education of our youngest learners.

TLCCA Legislative Goals

1. Some children reach kindergarten without an adequate foundation for learning. For these at-risk children **TLCCA supports publicly funded pre-k that is truly integrated, triggers real rate reform, and protects parental choice.**
2. At-risk children need quality early care and education. Without a significant increase in the state's reimbursement rate, the best licensed providers can not afford to accept subsidized children. **TLCCA supports at least a \$100 million increase in rates to expand quality care and education for at-risk children.**
3. Child care and education in unlicensed settings can be a gamble. Many after school and summer programs care for children without the oversight, regulation, or protection licensure guarantees. **TLCCA wants Texas to protect the health and safety of all children** no matter the place, age of the child, or number of hours care is given.

For more details on TLCCA priorities visit www.tlcca.org or contact our Legislative Hotline at **800-937-8522**.