



Public Policy Week of the Young Child Early Years Conference

**Thank you for attending our 52nd Annual Texas AEYC Conference!**

***We want to hear from you. If you attended Conference please give us your feedback by completing this [survey!](#)***



Your public comments are needed regarding the proposed rule changes. To find a copy of the suggested changes click [here](#). However, there is once again no recommendation regarding a change in ratios or group sizes. In fact, DFPS stopped collecting data this summer that would have informed their decision on ratio and groups sizes. Please encourage DFPS to at least start collecting the data to make an informed decision.

The public comment period for the proposed rule changes in Chapter 746, Child-Care Centers, related to comprehensive review is **September 9 through October 10, 2016**. Send your comments on the proposed rule changes to Child Care Licensing by one of the two following methods:

- E-mail to [CCLRules@dfps.state.tx.us](mailto:CCLRules@dfps.state.tx.us)
- Mail to Texas Register Liaison, Legal Services - 465, Department of Family and Protective Services E-611, PO Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030.

Please include the specific rule number(s) you are commenting on. This will help us to ensure your comment is reviewed and considered appropriately.



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**The Texas Association for the Education of Young Children and Teaching Strategies Texas GOLD Pilot has been extended through May 2017 by the Texas Workforce Commission! Sign up your**

To find out more click the following: for [more information](#) and [enrollment form](#). If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact our office at 512-215-8142 or at [pilot@texasaeyc.org](mailto:pilot@texasaeyc.org)





## New Grant Opportunity through TEA

### SECA Members: Online Voting for the 2016 SECA Election is Now Open!

To place your vote go to [www.southernearlychildhood.org](http://www.southernearlychildhood.org) and click on the "Vote Now" button on the homepage. Before you vote, get to know the candidates by looking through the information provided, including candidate bios, Meet the Candidates articles, and a video interview with the candidates. To find this information [click here](#) and scroll down! Only current members may vote, and each member may only vote once. Voting will be open through September 30, 2016.

The Prekindergarten Partnership Planning Grant is a new planning and implementation grant for public school districts and open enrollment charter schools. With the grant funding, districts and charters will be able to develop partnerships with Texas Rising Star 4-Star private providers to expand access and service delivery models for provision of three- and four-year-old prekindergarten. The partnerships established will increase continuity of instruction, kindergarten readiness and successful transition of young children from private to public school settings.

For additional information, please see the Request for Application is posted on the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page for viewing and downloading. In the "Select Search Options" box, select the PreK Partnership Planning Grants from the drop-down list. Scroll down to the "Application and Support Information" section to view all documents that pertain to this RFA.

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# *Save the Date!*

**Early Childhood Day at the  
Capitol  
Thursday, March 23rd, 2017**

**Plan to come to Austin and make your voice heard!!**

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