

<b>COVID-19 Policy-0820 Implementation of Childcare Services</b>	<b>RE: State policy – WD Letter 08-20, change 2, as amended</b>
<i>Date effective: 03/31/2020</i>	<i>Date released: 04/29/2020</i>

**COVID-19 WORKFORCE POLICY****COVID-19 and Child Care Parent Share of Cost - UPDATE**

**Background:** To offer guidance and assist individuals affected by COVID-19. On March 31, 2020, TWC issued new childcare policy guidance on COVID-19.

**Policy:** WFSDallas will follow the Texas Workforce Commission Guidance #08-20, change 2, as amended, and as it applies to the Child Care System serving Dallas County.

**COVID-19 and Child Care Parent Share of Cost - Update**

WFSDallas is aware that families affected by COVID-19 may be unable to pay the PSOC due to loss of income, unforeseen health care expenses, inability to leave home due to self-isolation or quarantine, childcare program closure, or other COVID-related reasons. Boards must consider COVID-19 as an extenuating circumstance for families during which the PSOC is unaffordable. Effective April 1, 2020, WFSDallas will:

- waive the PSOC for all families,
- notify parents and child care programs, and
- make supplemental payments to child care programs to offset lost payments due to COVID19 based on a locally developed methodology or the following factors:
  - the six-month average PSOC calculated by TWC (Attachment 1); and
  - each provider's number of low-income and TANF Applicant children in care (regardless of the assessed PSOC) as of the 25th day of the previous month; and
- ensure that child care programs receive payment by the 5th day of the month or as soon as possible.

As of May 2020, PSOC has been set to \$0 in TWIST. WFSDallas will continue to waive PSOC for all families but must discontinue supplemental payments to programs, based on the average monthly PSOC over the previous six months and on the average number of children served in January 2020. **Action:** During COVID-19, WFSDallas will implement the WD Letter 08-20, change 2, and as amended. Please see the attached web link: [https://twc.texas.gov/files/policy\\_letters/08-20-ch.2-twc.pdf](https://twc.texas.gov/files/policy_letters/08-20-ch.2-twc.pdf) **Questions:** For any questions, related to this policy, please contact Demetria Robinson, Vice President at 214-290-1013

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