

Thank you for your interest in receiving mentoring services. The purpose of the application is to determine which Texas Rising Star inquiries will receive Mentoring Services through the Quality Partnership Initiative Program.

Requirements to Qualify for Mentoring Services:

- Applicants must have at least 12 months prior DFPS licensing history
- Applicants must not be on any adverse, corrective action, or Service Improvement Agreement (SIA) through DFPS or CCS
- Applicants will not qualify for services if they have been cited for more deficiencies than are allowable under the TRS Standards (see attached Licensing Screening Form).
 - Facilities may receive mentoring if all deficiencies over the TRS Standards allowable limit will fall off within a two month time frame from the date of application for mentoring services.
 - Licensing deficiencies are counted if they were cited within the previous 12 months.
- An initial TRS walkthrough and director meeting will be held before final selection. This walk through and meeting will allow the mentor to assess the facilities willingness and commitment to the accreditation process and will allow the director to understand the entire TRS process. If at this time the facility is not found to have the level of commitment required to pursue accreditation, they will not be accepted into the mentoring program and will be available to reapply in six months.
- If space isn't currently available for a qualified facility to receive mentoring, they will be placed on a waitlist and will be assigned to a mentor as spaces become available.

Requirements after Selection for Mentoring Services:

- Non-certified facilities receiving mentoring must make a commitment to apply for initial TRS certification assessment within six months from the start of mentoring services.
 - Failure to apply for TRS certification within six months from the start of mentoring services may result in the ceasing of mentoring.
 - If facilities do not meet requirements for TRS at first assessment, the Mentor may provide services for an additional one month. If the facility doesn't meet requirements for a second time, or if they fail to apply for a second assessment within this time frame, the facility will be dismissed from the mentoring program and will be available to reapply for mentoring services in six months.
- 2-Star and 3-Star facilities receiving mentoring services must be willing to actively pursue and apply for a higher star level certification within 9 months of the agreement.
- Facilities assessed at a 4-Star level will have their mentoring hours and visits negotiated by the mentor and facility. This will allow continued support to ensure the facility maintains the 4-Star status without the level of mentoring needed for an initial applicant or lower certified star working towards higher certification levels. 4-Star facilities receiving this mentoring will still be eligible for benefits offered to TRS certified facilities.
- Facilities who are unresponsive/uncooperative to mentoring services provided will be given a written warning, and if continued, will be dismissed from the mentoring program and will be available to reapply for mentoring services in six months.