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**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS  
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## Longview Workforce Center Program Aiding Unemployment & Unpaid Child Support Wins Award

**Longview, TX, August 9, 2010:** The Workforce Solutions East Texas (WSET) Longview Center will be recognized with a Collaborative Spirit Award for their participation in the 2010 Noncustodial Parent (NCP) Choices Program, which helps unemployed or underemployed NCPs with unpaid child support to find work and financially support their children. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will present the award on August 12, 2010, at 4pm in the Bass Lecture Hall at the University of Texas at Austin.

In 2009, WSET began a NCP pilot program at the Longview/Gregg County Workforce Center through a partnership with the local OAG Child Support Services and the local child support court system to accomplish the goals of employment and increased child support payments.

[Click here](#) to read the Attorney General's award notification letter. For more information, contact ETCOG's Director of Workforce, Wendell Holcombe, at 903.984.8641 x254.

### **About the NCP Program**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) lead a model, multi-site employment and child support enforcement program to help unemployed noncustodial parents (NCPs) find work and financially support their children. In 2005, NCP Choices began as a pilot project in five, largely urban sites. The success of the program led to expansion, and as of April 2009, the program is operating in 17 workforce board areas that serve parents from 43 child support offices.

### **About Workforce Solutions East Texas**

It is the mission of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board to improve the quality of life in this area through economic development by providing a first-class workforce for present and future businesses. The Board works in partnership with chief elected officials of the region and is the primary source of local workforce policy. The Workforce Solutions East Texas Board is one of 28 local Workforce Solutions Boards located throughout the state. The board serves Henderson, Van Zandt, Rains, Wood, Upshur, Camp, Marion, Harrison, Panola, Gregg, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson and Smith counties. The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) serves as the administrating agency of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board.

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