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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS EAST TEXAS

PRESS RELEASE

Child Care Services Funding Increases by \$4.6 M to Serve Eligible East Texans

Kilgore, TX, September 1, 2009: The Workforce Solutions East Texas Board has received an additional \$4,697,773 for the Child Care Services (CSC) program for the East Texas region. The CCS program subsidizes child care costs for eligible clients and contracts with day care centers to provide services. Funds received are a result of the Stimulus Package and will be available through June of 2011.

To be eligible for childcare assistance an individual must meet income guidelines and be employed or attending vocational training at least 25 hours a week. A combination of vocational training of 25 hours is allowed, as well as attending college for nine semester hours.

The fiscal year 2010 planning estimate for the CCS program is \$14,087,884 with the purpose of providing quality child care for low income families in the East Texas area. For more information, call Workforce Solutions East Texas Childcare Services at 1.800.676.8283 or contact ETCOG's director of Workforce, Wendell Holcombe at 903.984.8641 x254.

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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