



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
Audrey O'Neill

June 30, 2026

Mr. Eric Beverly
Executive Director
Sunset Advisory Commission
P.O. Box 13066
Austin, Texas 78711-3066

Dear Director Beverly:

The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback regarding recommendations contained in the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report for the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) that impact DFPS operations and interagency coordination. DFPS remains committed to accountability, transparency, and effective collaboration with TWC to support the delivery and oversight of child care services for eligible children and families.

Recommendation 6.1

Direct TWC to require DFPS to provide a breakdown of the amount and source of funds spent for TWC-contracted day care.

DFPS Response

DFPS agrees with the recommendation and supports increased transparency in reporting the sources and uses of funds for TWC-contracted child care. DFPS can provide a breakdown of expenditures by funding source and child care category at a higher-level classification without the need for new reporting processes. DFPS will work with TWC to incorporate appropriate language into the interagency contract and ensure that reporting supports required oversight and compliance while minimizing additional administrative burden.

Recommendation 6.2

Direct TWC to conduct periodic training on CCDF federal requirements and the child care subsidy program for key DFPS staff and contractors.

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DFPS Response

DFPS supports periodic training and collaboration with TWC to promote consistent understanding and application of program requirements and eligibility criteria.

DFPS values its partnership with TWC and is committed to continued collaboration to ensure effective administration of child care services, compliance with applicable federal and state requirements, and responsible stewardship of public resources. The agency looks forward to working with TWC on implementation efforts related to these recommendations. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact my office. My Interim Chief of Staff and Strategic Initiatives Director Yesenia Rodriguez can be reached at 512-965-1203 or yesenia.rodriguez2@dfps.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey O'Neill". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Audrey" and last name "O'Neill" clearly distinguishable.

Audrey O'Neill