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Your Comments or Concerns

Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (TXGRG) is concerned about barriers informal kinship caregivers may experience when accessing TWC Child Care Services (CCS). Grandparents and relatives often raise children without formal conservatorship or guardianship but may have an Authorization Agreement for Nonparent Relative or Voluntary Caregiver or other documentation establishing the caregiving relationship.

We encourage TWC to establish clear, consistent statewide guidance regarding acceptable documentation for informal kinship caregivers; train CCS staff on nontraditional caregiving arrangements; create an escalation process when documentation is questioned; and ensure caregivers are not unnecessarily required to obtain a court order when other legally sufficient documentation is available.

Access to affordable child care helps kinship caregivers remain employed while keeping children safely within their families and communities. Supporting these caregivers is both a workforce and family-preservation issue.

Your Proposed Solution

TXGRG recommends that TWC establish uniform statewide CCS policies for informal kinship caregivers, clearly identifying acceptable caregiver documentation, including when an Authorization Agreement for Nonparent Relative or Voluntary Caregiver or other legally sufficient documentation may be used.

TWC should also provide kinship-specific training to CCS staff, establish an escalation process for nontraditional caregiving situations, and include informal kinship caregivers in future CCS policy development and stakeholder engagement. These changes would help eligible caregivers remain employed while keeping children safely within their families.

Attachment

[TXGRG Written Comments to the Sunset Advisory Commission.pdf](#) (58.94 KB)

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