Workforce Opportunities

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ARPA Funds - Workforce Development

- TEMSA worked hard for this funding.
- $21.7 million
- Funds set to be released Sept 1
- Distributed by RACs

Emergency Care Attendant Funding Opportunity

- Annual Budget of $25,000
- Intended for EMS and FRO in areas that are rural or underserved
  - Rural – County/Community of less than 50,000
  - Underserved
    - No EMS at all
    - Very limited service
    - Significant staffing shortages
- Two models of funding
  - Institution (School or agency with ed program)
    - $250 tuition per student
    - Up to $125 for books
  - Agency (EMS, FRO, VFD)
    - Fees for coordinator, lead instructor and asst instructor
    - Up to $125 for books
- Make your best case in the application!
  - Clearly demonstrate need
  - Explain how program will improve EMS in community
  - Class and grant will create little burden on student
  - Allow 10-12 weeks for approval

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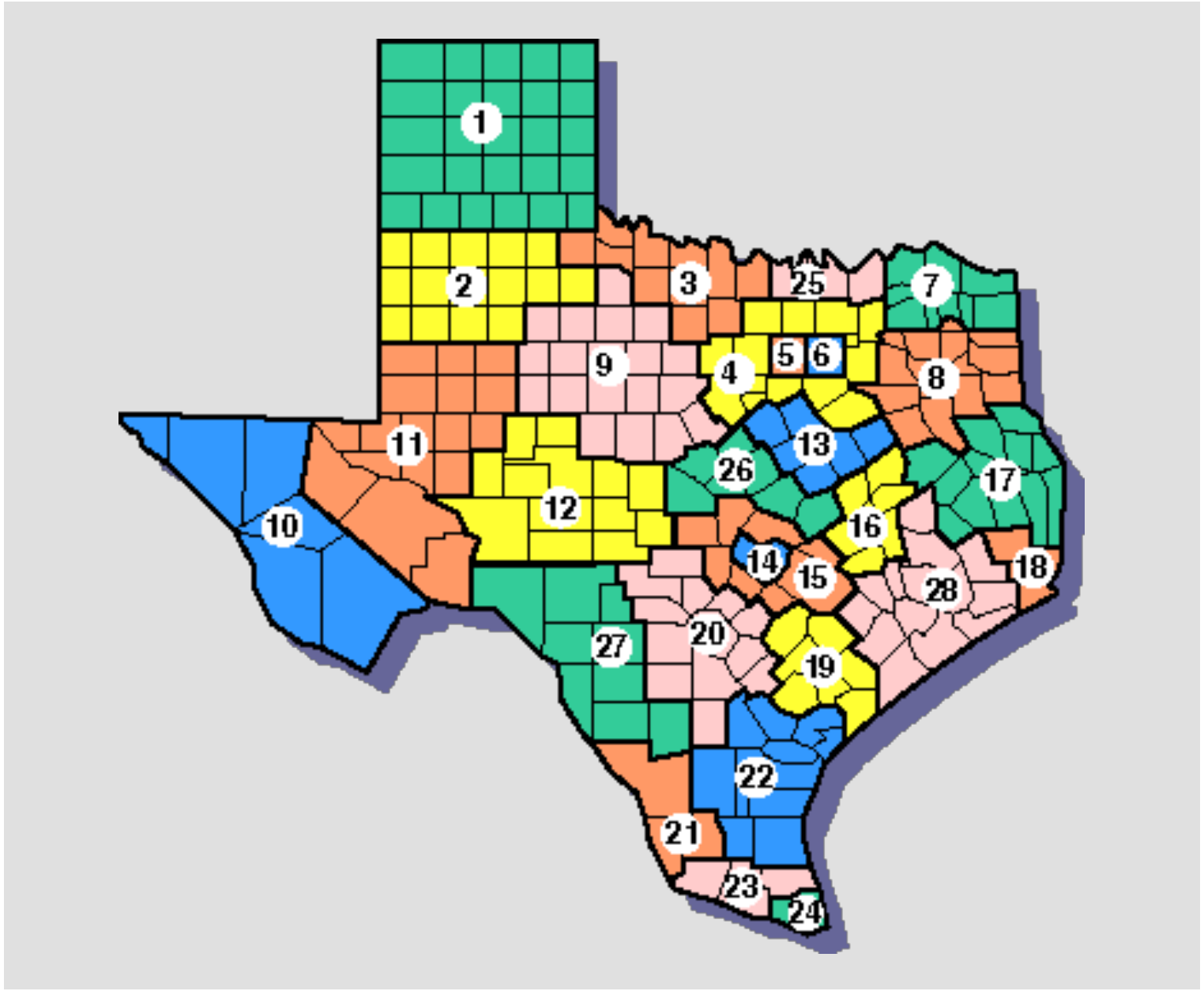
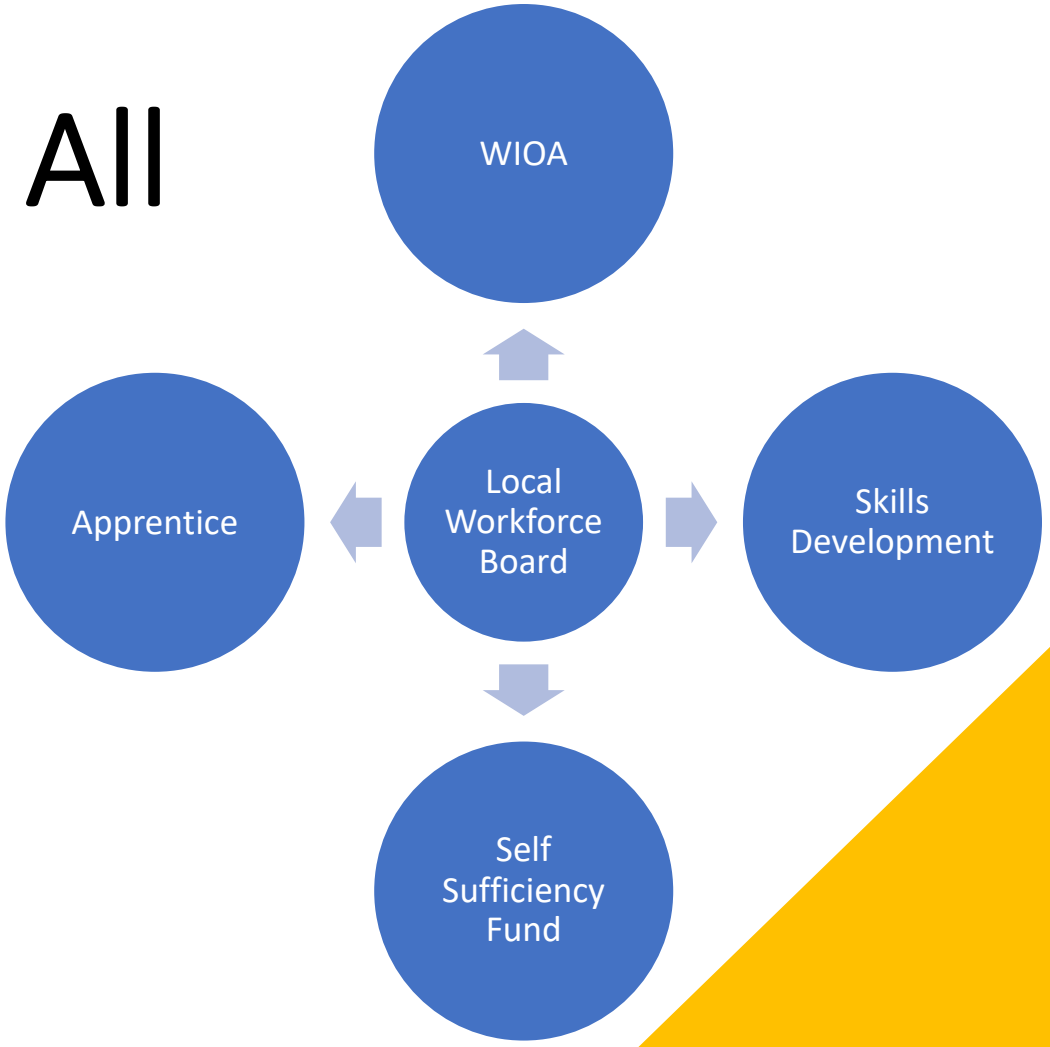
Texas Workforce Commission

- Apprentice Programs
- Skills Development Fund
- Skills Recruit Texas
- Skills for Small Business
- Self Sufficiency Fund

28 Different Workforce Boards



Not One Size Fits All



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- Administered by local Workforce Board
- Eligibility
- EMT/Paramedic Training must be approved by local board
- Candidate not required to be a full-time employee

Self Sufficiency Fund

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Train Your Workforce. Transform Your Business.

- 501c3, Public Community College, Technical College or TEEX can apply
- For adult recipients of TANF, SNAP or
- Those at risk of becoming dependent on public assistance
- Those earning less than $37000/year with a dependent child
- $2,500 per trainee, up to $500,000 for grant project.
- Work with local Workforce board, neighboring agencies to fill a class.

Skills For Small Business

- For businesses with less than 100 employees (public agencies would not qualify)
- Up to $1,800 for new hires and $900 for incumbent workers
- For full-time employees
- Training selected from courses offered by a Texas public community college or TEEX.

Skills Development Fund

- Issued through a college or local Workforce Board
- Up to $500,000 for customized training.
- Target avg cost per trainee of $2000
- Candidates must be employed full-time.
- Public agencies would not qualify

Apprentice Program

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- Tuition assistance for moving up career ladder
- Application process
- Full-time Employees
- Partner with Community College
- $4000 - $6000 for training costs
- Employer can be public or private

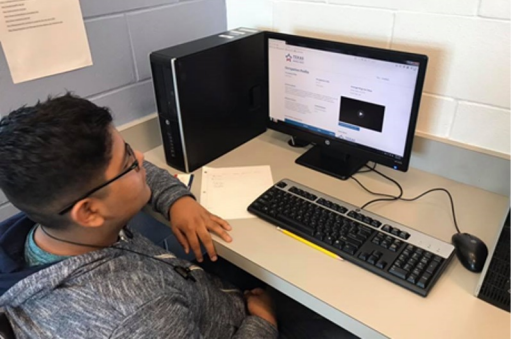
Workforce Career And Education Outreach Specialists

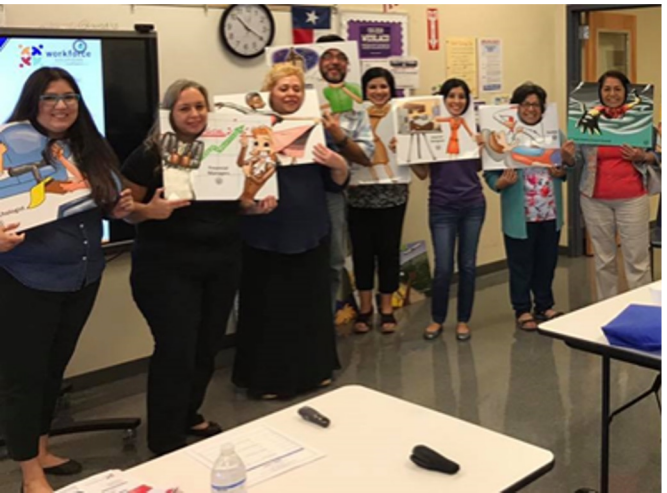
Since 2014

Where You Can Find Our Teams

Sept. 2021

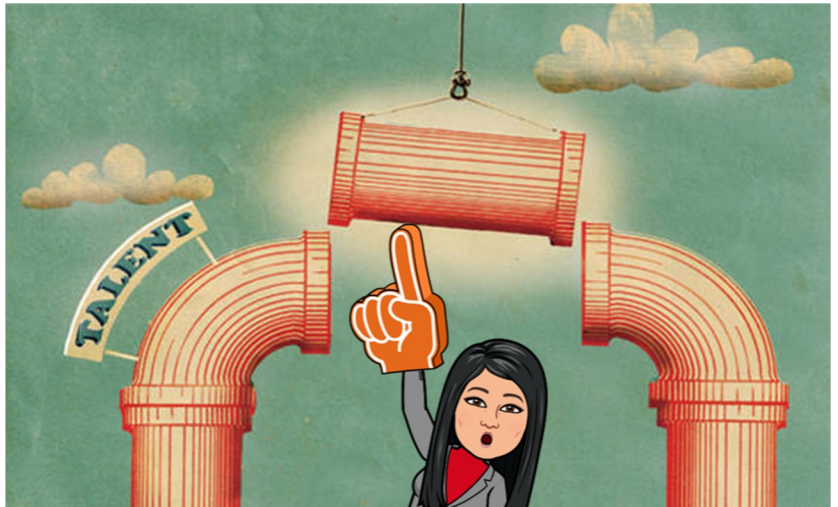
1. Borderplex (El Paso)
2. Capital Area (Austin)
3. Central Texas (Temple/Killeen)
4. Coastal Bend (Corpus Christi)
5. Deep East Texas (Lufkin)
6. Greater Dallas (Dallas)
7. Gulf Coast
8. Heart of Texas (Waco)
9. Lower RGV (McAllen)
10. Northeast Texas (Texarkana)
11. Rural Capital (Surrounding Austin)
12. Southeast Texas (Beaumont)
13. Texoma (Denison)
14. West Central Texas (Abilene)

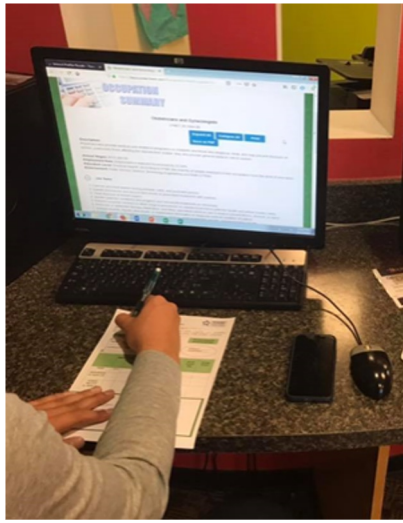




What Information We Provide: In a Nutshell

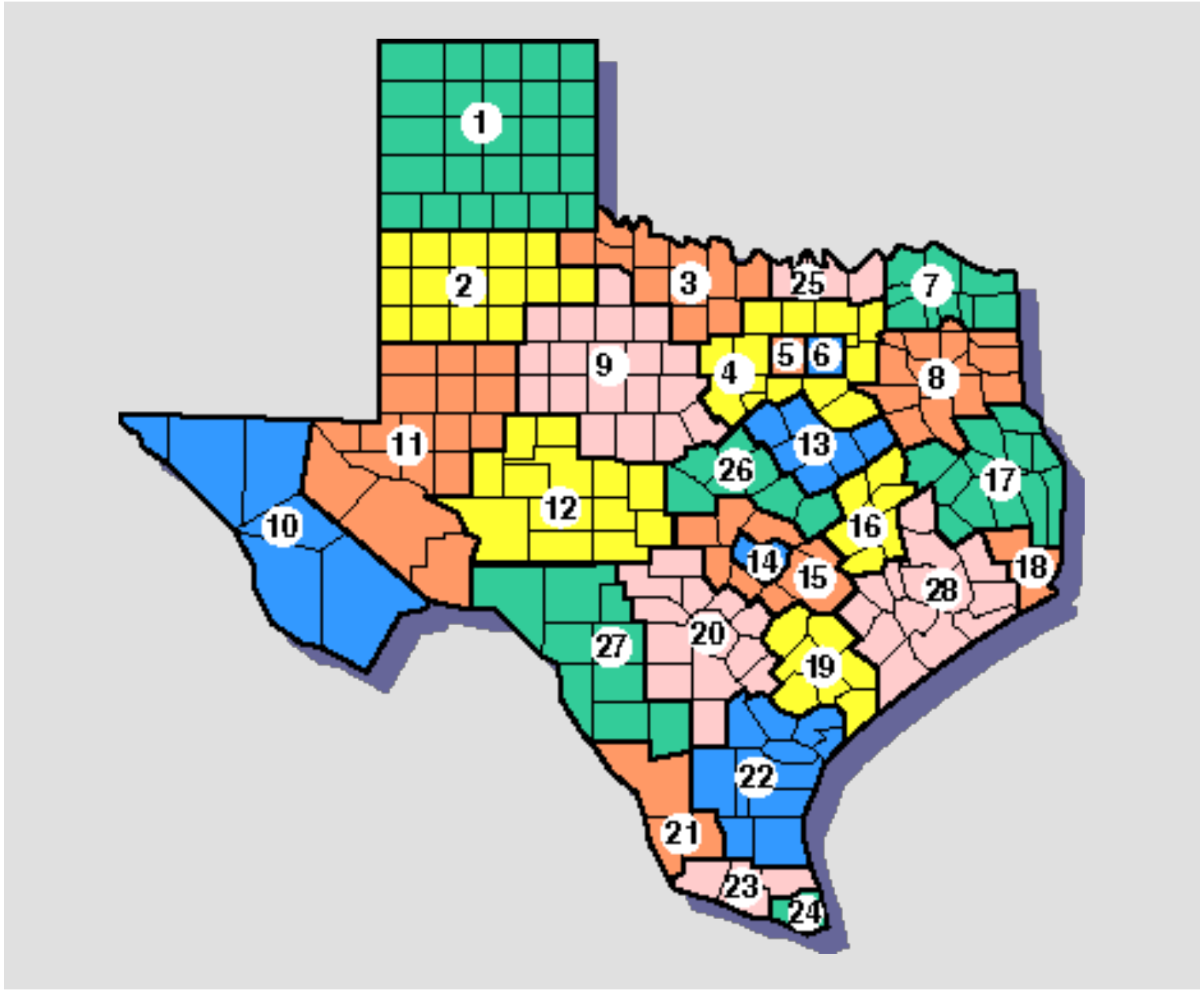
- Labor Market Data Sharing
- Career Exploration Services
- Career Development Services
- Professional Development
- Job Fair Participation/Coordination
- WBL Opportunities
- Partnership/Network Building





Total Sessions Provided	14,064
Presentations to Partners	5,083
Career Workshops	10,094
One-on-One Meetings	13,223
TWC Tool Trainings	10,645
SME Workshops	2,079

- Establish a relationship with your local workforce board!
- Consider collaborating with neighboring agencies and working as a team for resources.
- Involve the education programs in your area in the discussions.
- Maximize any opportunities for outreach, recruitment, spreading the EMS gospel.
- Speak UP!!



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