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# 53,464 Customers Served with Career Services





# **Workforce System Activities & Improvements**

- ADA review & compliance
- Pilot for the Texas Workforce system's statewide cybersecurity review
- Killeen Workforce Center renovation supporting cross-program, teambased service model for customers that includes a better-coordinated job seeker/business services strategy
- Metrix skills training—702 individuals registered
- Developed the first Department of Labor recognized, competency-based Workforce professional apprenticeship model supported by online learning and an automated learning management system

- Strategic plan with focus on:
  - Short term training that leads to industry-recognized certificates
  - Apprenticeships
- Fort Hood Career Skills Program
  - Cohort-based training
  - Customer preference for assistance is work-related expenses
- COVID-hardest hit-service, women, youth, and non-essential workers
  - UI expansion increased phone calls
  - Child care expansion and virtual job fairs
    •more detail in the childcare section

46,495
Employment
Services
Provided
to Vets

# **COVID Customer/Staff Protections & Support**

- Developed a business continuity plan
- Purchased plexiglass partitions for all customer service areas in the Workforce centers
- Purchased PPE including face masks, hand sanitizers, & protective gowns
- Implemented new processes to ensure public access computers and resources are continuously cleaned/protected
- Posted and distributed COVID-related guidance
- Posted and distributed Workforce center access guidance using social network sites and print media

- Purchased electrostatic disinfecting systems to clean high-traffic & potentially exposed areas on a daily basis & to disinfect all areas weekly
- Moved to a paperless system to distribute paperwork between centers and the administrative office's accounts payable to reduce contact as well as the time needed to process payable requests
- Implemented a Survey Monkey-based check-in system to quickly identify staff who have been exposed or experiencing symptoms; developed an incident report for supervisors to support contact tracing
- Implemented virtual collaborative work environments supported by Microsoft Teams and Zoom

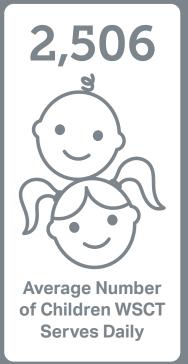


76,816
Received
Unemployment
Insurance
Assistance



## Childcare

- Improved processes resulting in a decrease in childcare hearings from 56 to 2 hearings in one year
- Purchased and distributed hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, sanitizing hand wipes, and shoe coverings to help protect providers, parents, and children, and to keep centers open
- Provided information about/trained on: how to social distance, self-care and protection, process improvements such as not allowing parents into the centers
- Provided 25% funding supplement to support infrastructure costs
   & to help keep centers open while children care numbers fluctuated
- Purchased outdoor sinks, UV sanitizers, & infant room sanitizers for Rising Star/NAEYC centers
- Expanded care to essential workers who were not previously eligible





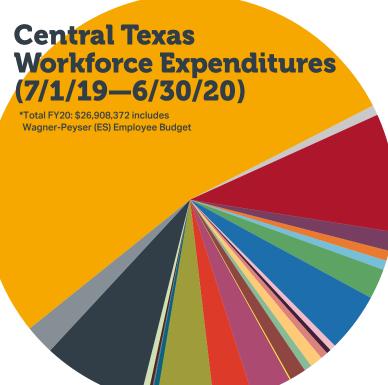
**Employment Services Provided to Job Seekers** 

# 2,002 Employers Receiving Workforce Services

# **COVID-Related Customer Service Technology-Supported Changes**

- Implemented virtual job fairs that allow businesses to meet/interview available job seekers remotely
- Expanded server & hardware technology capacity to increase capacity for remote computer & telephone access capabilities to all staff
- Purchased technologies and implemented strategies to support staff efforts to provide workshops and orientations remotely or in a mixed Zoom/in-person environment that accommodated social distancing as well as remote service demands
- Transitioned from a face-to-face system for distributing supportive service payments using Walmart gift cards to a remote service system that distributed the payments using refillable bank cards
- Developed chatbot technology capabilities for the Workforce website

- Implemented phone system changes to create a seamless connection to staff for customers calling centers—including a coordinated messaging system to ensure increased call volumes were accommodated within 24 hours
- Purchased job search/job preparation interactive training videos for access from the workforce website
- Developed, procured, and led the design of a web-based customer service portal to support remote program application, eligibility, and documentation sharing
- Established a Workforce YouTube channel for on-demand workshop access in English and Spanish



Texas School Ready - \$214,968 TANF/Choices - \$2,494,131 SNAP E&T - \$404,809 Non-Custodial Parent TANF - \$214,173 Employment Services Salaries - \$197.768 ES, Veterans & VR Infrastructure - \$638,786 National Dislocated Worker Grant - \$1,251,784 Incentive Awards - \$129,048 COVID Grant - \$94,395 Apprenticeship/Externships/TWC Initiatives/TIP - \$155,436 Military Family Support Program - \$269,408 Voc Rehab SEAL & Navigator - \$159.820 Career & Education Outreach - \$348.911 Local Funds - \$21,636 WIOA Adult - \$845,325 WIOA Dislocated - \$821,140 WIOA Youth - \$1,208,230 WIOA Alternative Funding - \$113,617 WIOA Youth Job Skills - \$25,792 Rapid Response/Trade Act - \$64,755 Reemployment Assessment - \$138.836 ■ Child Care Operations - \$2,152,074 Child Care Quality - \$627,059

Child Care Provider Payments - \$14,316,471

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#### **LOCATIONS**

#### **Workforce Center in Killeen**

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#### **Workforce Center in Lampasas**

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#### **Workforce Center in Rockdale**

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### **Workforce Center in Temple**

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