

Bridges to Growth Instructors

Effective January 1, 2012, the Department of Family and Protective Services has set forth new requirements for trainers of childcare providers in order for the training to count toward required clock hours for that provider or director. These requirements were passed by the 82nd Legislature.

All training must be delivered by a trainer who meets one of the following requirements:

1. Is currently listed on the Texas Trainer Registry (online at <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/tececds/>);
2. Is an instructor at a high school, college or university who teaches early childhood development or another relevant course;
3. Works for a state agency with relevant expertise (such as Child Care Licensing, Department of Agriculture, Department of State Health Services);
4. Is a physician, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, social worker, or registered nurse;
5. Holds a generally recognized credential or possesses documented knowledge relevant to the training the person will provide (such as an individual who has a current Child Care Professional credential, a firefighter who offers training on fire safety, a county health employee who offers training on immunizations);
6. Is a director or primary caregiver of a registered or licensed childcare home in good standing with DFPS and who:
 - A. Has demonstrated core knowledge in child development and caregiving and
 - B. Is only providing training at the center or home in which the director or primary caregiver and the persons receiving training are employed; or
7. Has at least two years of experience working in a child development program and
 - A. Has a current Child Development Associate (CDA); or
 - B. Has at least an associate's degree in child development, early childhood education, or a related field.

Below we have a list of our current instructors and how they qualify under the above requirements. It is the responsibility of the childcare provider or administrator, and not Bridges to Growth staff or volunteers, to choose classes that are appropriate for their classroom.

If you have any questions about those instructors that are qualified under #5 – subject matter experts, these individuals have undergone special training in the field in which they are teaching. You may call us at (512) 864-3008 if you need more information.

Wendy Bradley, Sign Language Teacher, (#5)

Yolanda Delgado is Trainer # 1056 on the Trainer Registry (#1)

Rosalyn Fisher, M.S.OTR, is Trainer # 1074 on the Trainer Registry (#1)

David Giese, Certified Life Coach, (#5)

Dr. Laura Lamper, Dept. Chair, Early Childhood Professions Dept., Central Texas College, holds a Ph.D. in Child Development (#2)

Lexy Largent, Parent Educator, (#5)

Doug Mitchell, Financial Services Professional (#5)

Brad Mason, Licensed Professional Counselor (#4)

Carol Scott, M.S, Counseling Psychology (#5)

Carey Thornell, M.Ed. After School Action Program Director, Georgetown ISD (#5, #2)

Hope van der Heijden, Registered Dietitian (#5)