

TRAINING SOLUTIONS

TRAINING COLLABORATION TO ASSIST IN MEETING NEED FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY WORKERS (continued)

By upgrading the workforce pipeline and enhancing the manufacturing career pathway with independent school districts in Lubbock and Frenship, the area's economy, which depends heavily on the health of Agricultural, Mining and Transportation industries, will be greatly strengthened. The initiative establishes a training program for Production Technician Certification, making this highly valued and respected credential. Starting the process at the high school level will allow the project partners to promote careers in Manufacturing while encouraging the region's future workforce to plan for and seek a Production Technician career.



Five students of the South Plains Manufacturing Skill Standards Council Training Initiative receive certification in one or more of the four Production Technician Certification training modules.

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CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS

NEW SUMMER SESSION ENROLLMENT PROCESS GIVES PARENTS/PROVIDERS ADVANTAGE

WorkForce Solutions Child Care Services (CCS) begins its summer enrollment process for school aged children in April of each year. Historically, this time of the year is extremely time-consuming for child care providers and child care customers because of the amount of time entailed in the enrollment process. Staff work with eligible child care customers to inform them of the child care providers available in the area ... providers must make every effort to advertise and inform the parents of the types and hours of services provided by their daycare ... then, parents must then meet with designated providers to discuss a number of issues considered when making the final choice as to whom will provide their children's care for the summer months. And, these discussions and/or face-to-face meetings ordinarily require the parent to be absent from work at some point during the regular work week.

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