



Burnet County Workforce Development Update

Reporting Period: FY 2024 through May 2025

Upcoming Programs – Launching Late Summer 2025

1. Rural Training Lab

A new healthcare workforce initiative providing **turnkey training** for entry-level positions in the healthcare sector. While open to all rural residents, **Burnet County is a key target area**. This program aims to help individuals take the first step in their healthcare career pathways.

2. Texas Talent Connection *(Launch Date: September 1, 2025)*

Focused on preparing participants for **admission into nursing school**, this program offers:

- Support for completing prerequisite courses in **math and science**
- **Remediation support** for underprepared applicants
- Training and credentialing for **Certified Medical Assistants (CMAs)** to support healthcare providers while others transition into nursing school

This will serve as a **pilot year**, with a planned extension for two additional years.

Established Programs with Proven Outcomes

1. Rural Healthcare Initiative *(Launched: September 2021)*

Trains residents for healthcare occupations including:

CNA, CMA, Phlebotomy, RN, LVN, Pharmacy Tech, EMT

- **162** Burnet County residents trained
- **123** earned industry-recognized credentials
- **82** placed into healthcare employment

Program Year 2024 (since Oct 2023):

- **26** residents placed in training
- **13** placed into employment

2. Good Jobs Challenge *(Launched: July 2023)*

Prepares participants for in-demand skilled trades and administrative roles:

Plumber, Electrician, HVAC Technician, CDL Driver, Bookkeeper, Loan Officer

- **251** Burnet County residents enrolled
- **244** earned credentials
- **7** currently in training
- **179** placed into employment
- **19** pending placement

These programs helped facilitate the creation of the **Highland Lakes Healthcare Consortium**, led by our Board of Director, representing Burnet County, Tim Ols, in collaboration with **Workforce Network Inc.** This regional partnership supports workforce pipelines and addresses hard-to-fill positions in local healthcare settings.

Workforce Center Activity in Burnet County

Our Workforce Center, located at 1001 West Buchanan Dr. Suite 1, is available to employers to use for recruiting, interviewing and hiring, at no cost. Job Seekers can meet with a career advisor and use equipment at no cost for their job search.

FY 2025

- **Employers Served:** 214
- **Job Seekers Served:** 843

Employer Info - <https://workforcesolutionsrca.com/employers>

Job Seeker Info - <https://workforcesolutionsrca.com/seekers>

Local Employer Engagement

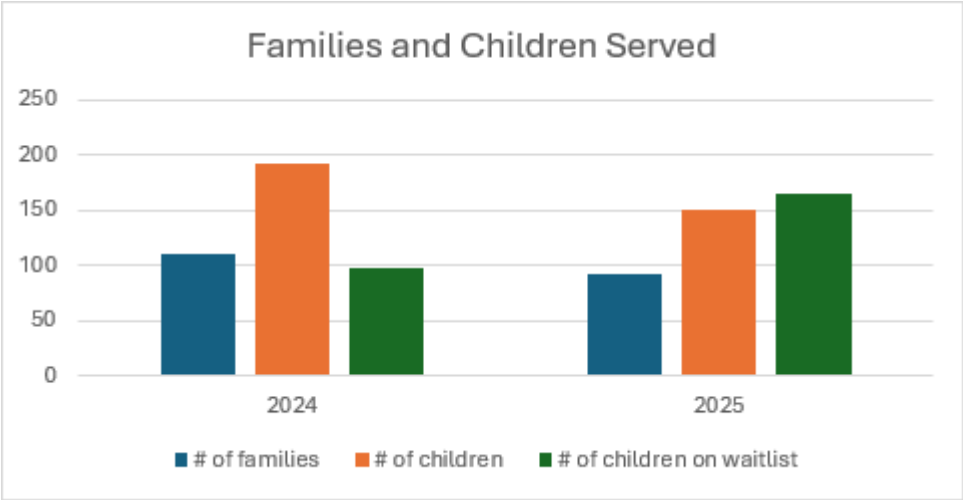
Over 200 local employers have participated in or benefited from our various workforce programs. Sample list of engaged employers:

- **Ascension Seton Highland Lakes**
- **Baylor Scott & White Medical Center**
- **City of Bertram, Burnet, Granite Shoals, and Marble Falls**
- **BCISD**
- **First State Bank of Burnet & other regional banks**
- **Horseshoe Bay Resort**
- **Entegris**
- **Stealth Products**
- **Eric's Plumbing, JM Huber, McCoy's, Iron Star Plumbing**
- **AB Electric, Boyd Electric, Clarkson & Company, and dozens of local trades and service providers**

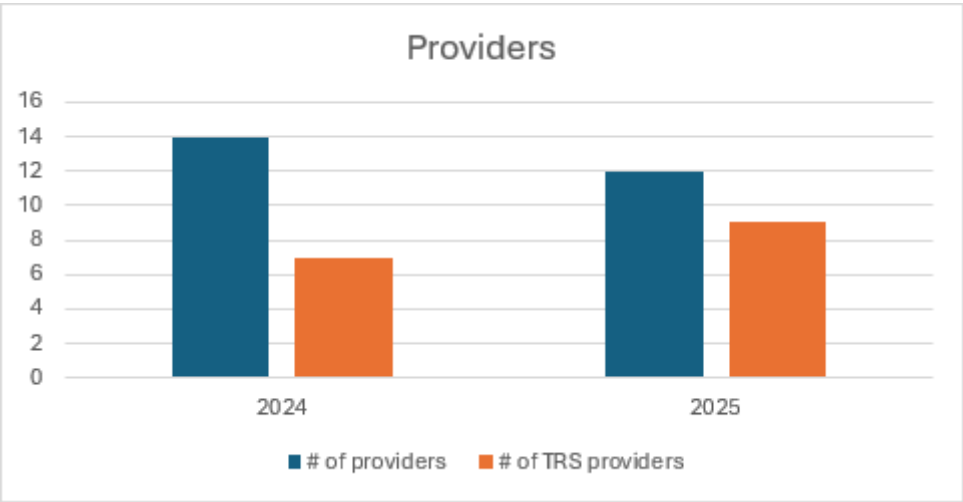
Childcare - <https://workforcesolutionsrca.com/childcare>

Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area benefits families, providers and local communities by assisting parents with tuition assistance who are striving to become self-sufficient and by providing child care technical assistance and training to child care providers through Workforce Solutions, the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Child Care Services (CCS) program in our nine-county area.

Burnet County Info:



	# of families	# of children	# of children on waitlist
2024	111	192	97
2025	93	150	165



	# of providers	# of TRS providers	Amount Spent*

2024	14	7	\$ 1,008,197.00
2025	12	9	\$ 699,555.00

*based on fiscal year, not calendar year

TRS – Texas Rising Stars -

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/texas-rising-star>