



COMMISSIONER
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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Dear Parent or Caregiver:

The 80th Session of the Texas Legislature amended §29.153 of the Texas Education Code to expand the eligibility of children in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for free pre-kindergarten classes. Effective September 1, 2007, children who have ever been in foster care or other residential care and under the conservatorship of DFPS, as well as children in conservatorship as a result of an adversary hearing with DFPS are eligible for enrollment in free pre-kindergarten classes.

This action for expanded eligibility includes children returned to home, kinship placement, and adoptions.

As a result of legislative action

_____ (name of child)

is eligible to participate in the free pre-kindergarten program. Children enrolled in the pre-kindergarten program may be eligible for additional benefits. Please check with your local school district for enrollment procedures.

Present this letter to the local school district as verification of your child's eligibility to participate in the pre-kindergarten program. Please keep a copy of this letter for your records.

For additional information, please contact your local CPS office.

Department of Family and Protective Services
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Date