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## **Workforce Solutions selected as 2019 Meritorious Service Award Winner**

FORT WORTH, TX - The Texas Council on Family Relations (TxCFR) selected Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County as the recipient of the 2019 Meritorious Service Award, for our work with a community-wide fatherhood initiative in Tarrant County. The Fatherhood Coalition of Tarrant County promotes responsible fatherhood and strengthens the role of fathers in the lives of children.

The Meritorious Service Award was established by the TxCFR Board of Directors in 1981 to acknowledge and encourage outstanding services and support to families and to family life in Texas. The recipient of this award is any individual, agency or organization whom the board deems to have excelled in service and support to families and family life in Texas.

TxCFR is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) educational organization that prides itself on promoting healthy families. Members of this group range from educators to students, researchers to counselors and social workers to attorneys. Since its founding in 1946, TxCFR has facilitated the work of its members in the interest of Texas families.

“I am beyond thrilled that the Fatherhood Coalition of Tarrant County, formally organized in 2000, has received this important recognition. Today, nineteen years later, it is a thriving, vibrant coalition of over 25 community-based and social service organizations, including faith-based representatives and private citizens interested in promoting responsible fatherhood,” said Judy McDonald, Executive Director for Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County.

The Award will be presented March 1, 2019 during the TxCFR Annual Conference in Austin, Texas. For more information about the Texas Council on Family Relations visit [tx.ncfr.org](http://tx.ncfr.org).

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Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County’s primary goal is to meet the needs of Tarrant employers and workers through locally-designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services. A 29- member Board made up of business and community leaders chaired by Jon Gustafson, with Lockheed Martin works in partnership with the Workforce Governing Board (WGB), which is composed of Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams and Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, to oversee Workforce services in Tarrant County. More information about the workforce centers we have throughout Tarrant County can be found at our website: [www.workforcesolutions.net](http://www.workforcesolutions.net).