



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD



DATE: March 8, 2024

TO: Operators of Licensed Youth Camps

FROM: Liz Proietti, Director, Division of Licensing

RE: Revision to Licensing Regulations Pertaining to Youth Camps

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) wishes to inform you of a recent change to the youth camp licensing regulations concerning mandated reporting. This change was effective January 18, 2024. All licensed youth camps are required to comply with this regulation which was amended to be consistent with the mandates of Public Act 22-87. The new language is highlighted below. Please share this information with all individuals involved with the operation of your camp.

Section 19a-428-2(q) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:
(q) Any paid youth camp director, paid youth camp assistant director or paid staff member who is twenty-one years of age or older shall report actual or suspected abuse or neglect, the nonaccidental physical injury, or the imminent risk of serious harm of any camper to the Department of Children and Families in accordance with the provisions of sections 17a-101 to section 17a-101e, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes. Any staff member who is unpaid or is under twenty-one years of age and has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any camper has been abused or neglected, or is in imminent risk of serious harm, shall immediately report such suspicion or belief to the youth camp director or youth camp assistant director.

As a licensed provider, you are responsible for compliance with all of the regulations to ensure the safety, health and development of the children in your care. You may obtain a full copy of the statutes and regulations that includes this new change by visiting the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) website at <https://www.ctoec.org/licensing/youth-camps/statutes-regulations/>. A full copy of the regulations may also be obtained by calling the Licensing Division of the OEC at the number below.

The OEC hopes this change helps to ensure the health and safety of campers and staff.