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## OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD



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### Memorandum

**To:** The Education Committee  
**From:** Commissioner Beth Bye, Office of Early Childhood  
**Re:** OEC Report – P.A. 22-118, Sec. 459  
**Date:** January 31, 2023

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The Office of Early Childhood submits a report pursuant to P.A. 22-118, Sec. 459. The Act requires the Office of Early Childhood to establish and administer the Start Early - Early Child Development Initiative. Sec (e) of the Act requires, the OEC to submit an annual report to the Education Committee. The language follows:

(e) The office shall develop an annual report concerning the data and outcome measures for the initiative. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, achievement on the elements outlined in the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards as reported in the accompanying assessment tool. The office may develop recommendations for modifications to the early education system based on an evaluation of such data and outcome measures. Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the office shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, such report and any such recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education.

The following is a status report on the Start Early – Early Childhood Development Initiative.

Start Early- Early Child Development Initiative is in the early planning phases. This has included:

- Working with UCONN Early Childhood researchers/professors to put an agreement in place for their assistance planning. This includes outline of planning work and contract execution.
- Reaching out to national researchers about program models and innovations that can be studied, replicated, and brought to scale.
- Meeting planned in early January with researchers at UChicago with significant research experience in program design and early language development.
- Planning with the OEC Early Care and Education on new infant and toddler spaces to connect them to research either as controls or subjects in study.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Adair, Director of Government & Community Relations at 860-878-8936, or [maggie.adair@ct.gov](mailto:maggie.adair@ct.gov)

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