

## March 28, 2023 Youth Camp Exclusionary Crimes: Addendum to Disqualifying Crimes, Additions to the List of Convictions Requiring Review for Youth Camps

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: The attached list of convictions requiring review to determine <u>youth camp</u> employment or volunteer eligibility is **NOT** an exhaustive list.

- In accordance with Public Act 21-82, the commissioner has the discretion to refuse to license or deem an individual ineligible to work or volunteer in a position connected with the provision of care or unsupervised access to a child if that individual has been convicted in Connecticut or any other state of *any* felony (as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 53a-25):
  - o <u>involving the use, attempted use or threated use of physical force against another</u> person, OR
  - o any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under eighteen years of age.
- Further, the law requiring comprehensive background checks for youth camps (Public Act 21-82)
  allows the Commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood to also consider criminal records in
  Connecticut and <u>in any other state</u> that the commissioner reasonably believes renders a person
  unsuitable to establish, conduct or maintain or be employed by a youth camp.