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

PLEASE NOTE: The attached list of convictions requiring review to determine youth camp 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):
  - involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, OR
  - 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 in any other state that the commissioner reasonably believes renders a person unsuitable to establish, conduct or maintain or be employed by a youth camp.