

# **Child Day Care Contract Contractor/Subcontractor In-Person Meeting**

**Connecticut Office of Early Childhood  
Division of Early Care and Education**

**May 7, 2024**

# WHAT WE WILL DISCUSS TODAY:



- Legislative updates & Early Start CT
- Icebreaker – **Get To Know Your CDC's!**
- CDC Contract Amendments for FY25
  - Preschool Full Time rate increase
  - Private Provider Payments
  - Annual Forms FY25
- Enrollment-Based Grant ending 6/30/24
- Reports due for FY24
- ECE Reporter & OEC 360 Portal
- Activity – **State Funded Opportunities**

# Legislative Updates & Early Start CT

**S.B. 14 – An Act Assisting Local School Districts in Improving Educational Outcomes** passed in the Senate last Friday night.

This bill included all the sections in **H.B. 5051 – An Act Establishing Early Start CT.**

S.B. 14 must now pass the House by *Wednesday, May 8.*

Early Start CT is Connecticut's new state-funded early care and education program, combining three funding streams (Child Day Care, School Readiness, and State Head Start Supplement) into a single state-funded program.

## **What does this accomplish?**

- Streamline the system
- Reduce burden on providers
- Simplify programs available for families
- Center family and community needs

# Icebreaker – Get To Know Your CDC's!



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# Contract Amendments

## **What is a contract amendment?**

Document used to make changes to the terms of a preexisting contract.

## **What kind of changes necessitate an amendment?**

The following changes could be a reason for a contract amendment:

- Length of contract;
- Increase or decrease in the value of the contract; or
- Parties' responsibilities, duties, and liabilities.

## **Whose contract is being amended?**

OEC will be amending contracts with our existing CDC Contractors. Contractors should work with subcontractors/programs as needed to make changes to MOAs/Agreements/Contracts.

# Contract Amendments

## What will be amended for the CDC Contract for SFY25?

### The following will be amended:

- Contract extended through next state fiscal year
  - July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
- Increase in value of contract
  - For programs with **full-time preschool** spaces, an increase from \$8,924 to **\$10,500/space/year**
    - <https://cga.ct.gov/2023/TOB/H/PDF/2023HB-06941-R00-HB.PDF>
  - **Private Provider Support Payment** valued at 2.55% of total services value
    - Example for a program with 10 full-time I/T spaces:
      - 10 spaces x \$13,500 = \$135,000 services value SFY24
      - \$135,000 x 2.55% = \$3,442.50
      - \$3,442.50 added to SFY24 contract
        - *Exact amount will be detailed in amendment*
    - FY24 amount will be annualized and included in FY25 contract value
    - Programs operated by municipalities, board of educations, or higher education are not eligible for these funds.

# Annual Forms & Enrollment-Based Grant

- **Annual Forms** for FY25 will be sent to Contractors via a Qualtrics survey in Fall 2024
  - Program Contact List
  - Program Space Grid
  - Annual Program Schedule
  - Community Collaboration Form
  - Weeks of Full Time Care (as applicable)
  - School Age Continuous Improvement Plan (as applicable)
- **Enrollment-based Grant** will end on June 30, 2024
  - Application for 4th Quarter will be due **Friday, July 12, 2024**
  - Reminder: EBG funds **must be expended by September 30, 2024**





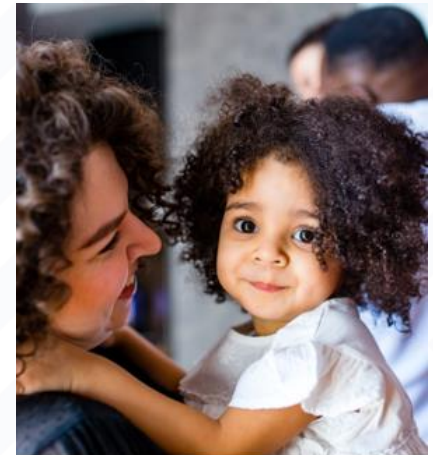
# Reports due for End of FY24 (June 30, 2024)

## - One-time Classroom Funds Expenditure Report

- This was due to OEC on January 15, 2024
- If you have not sent this to OEC, **it is due no later than Friday, May 17, 2024** to OEC Grants and Contracts Specialists Annette Carbone and/or Erma Esangbedo at [annette.carbone@ct.gov](mailto:annette.carbone@ct.gov) and [erma.esangbedo@ct.gov](mailto:erma.esangbedo@ct.gov)
- *Thank you to those of you who have submitted your reports!*

## - End of the Year Reports for FY24

- Services budgets should be completed and sent to Annette Carbone and Erma Esangbedo by **May 31, 2024**
- Programs must also reach out to Annette and Erma for their individualized reconciliation grid to be completed for FY24 by **May 31, 2024**





# ECE Reporter & OEC 360 Provider Portal



The image shows the top portion of the ECE Reporter website. It features a purple header with the text 'Welcome to ECE Reporter'. Below the header is a circular image of a woman and two children. To the right of the image is a paragraph of text and a 'Learn more' link. Below that is a 'User Guide' section with two links: one for English and one for Spanish.

 ECE Reporter Family Fee Calculator Resources ▾

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## Welcome to ECE Reporter



**We Support affordable child care in Connecticut**

Publicly-funded early care and education programs use ECE Reporter to share data with the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC).

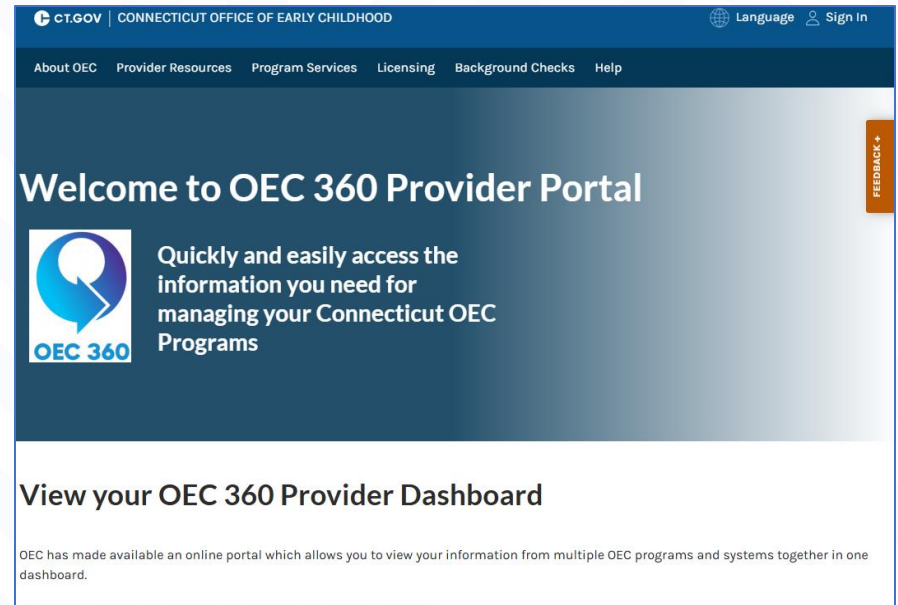
The Office of Early Childhood uses this data to pay programs and help families access quality care.

[Learn more](#)

**User Guide**

[Access the ECE Reporter User Guide \(English\)](#)

[Access the ECE Reporter User Guide \(Spanish\)](#)




The image shows the top portion of the OEC 360 Provider Portal website. It features a dark blue header with the text 'Welcome to OEC 360 Provider Portal'. Below the header is a large white area with the OEC 360 logo and a paragraph of text. Below that is a 'View your OEC 360 Provider Dashboard' section with a paragraph of text. A vertical 'FEEDBACK +' button is on the right side.

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## Welcome to OEC 360 Provider Portal



Quickly and easily access the information you need for managing your Connecticut OEC Programs

**View your OEC 360 Provider Dashboard**

OEC has made available an online portal which allows you to view your information from multiple OEC programs and systems together in one dashboard.

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# State Funded System Building Opportunity

In creating Early Start CT, the Office of Early Childhood, in partnership with a dedicated field, has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a state funded system centered around equitable, expanded access to high-quality early care and education programs across Connecticut.

Using the prompts below, work with your colleagues to brainstorm ideas, suggestions, solutions and recommendations to inform OEC as we build Early Start CT. Use the sticky notes provided to write down your ideas and stick up on the appropriate poster board around the room.

- What can OEC do to support quality in your programs?
- What style or combination of communication with OEC works best for you?
- Share with OEC examples of strong community relationships among providers and stakeholders
- How well does the existing system of distribution of funds work for you if you are a
  - How could OEC improve the funding /payment system or process?
- What suggestions do you have for improvement of policies within the OEC General Policies that may seem antiquated, confusing, or difficult to implement?

# Contact Us!

## OEC CDC Contracts Co-Program Managers:

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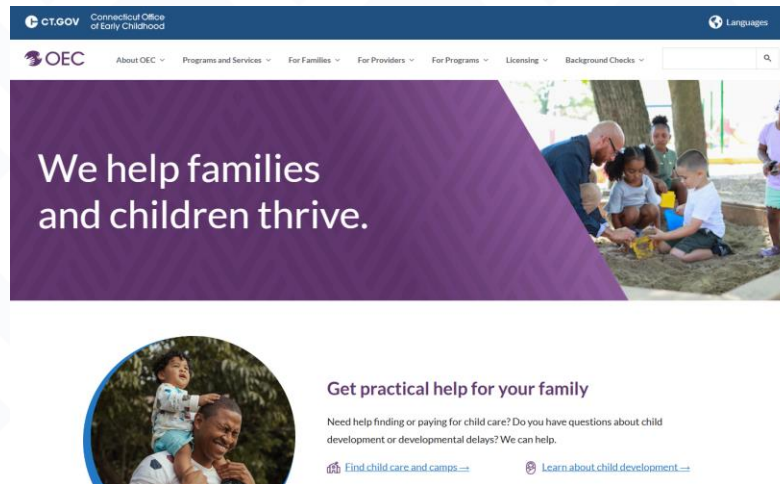


## CDC Contract Resources:

- <https://www.ctoec.org/state-funded-ece/>
- <https://www.ctoec.org/cdc-contracts-provider-resources/>

## OEC Website:

- [www.ctoec.org](http://www.ctoec.org)





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