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# Child Day Care Contracts Webinar

July 18, 2024



Office of Early Childhood

# Today's Agenda

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- Introductions
- Contract Changes for FY25 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
- General Policy Changes
- Program Changes
- Early Start CT



# Contract Changes for FY25

Your Contract + Amendment(s) =  
great sources of information!

- **Extended contract period:** Contracts amended to extend through **June 30, 2025**
- **Increase in contract value:**
  - FY 2024 Private Provider Payments\*
  - FY 2025 CDC Services (including increased Preschool Full Time/Full Year rate from **\$8,924 to \$10,500**) + Annualized COLA + Annualized Private Provider Payments

1. Page 1 of the original contract, Contract Term is amended to **extend the contract period by twelve (12) months from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025**, and the total maximum amount payable under this contract has **increased by \$222,309.62** from \$401,429.93 to \$623,739.55.

2. Funding provided to the Contractor under this Contract is being increased by \$222,309.62 as follows:
- a. Funding in the amount of **\$4,639.52 is added to State Fiscal Year 2024** (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) pursuant to Public Act 23-204, Sec. 41, (b)(22) to provide support for Private Providers during SFY 2024. The Private Provider payment shall be used for recurring operating expenses, reasonably attributed to the delivery of contractual services.
  - b. Funding in the amount of **\$217,670.10 to support program implementation in State Fiscal Year 2025** (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Funding in SFY 2025 includes the annualized Private Provider support payment, and a rate increase for the full-time preschool category of care from \$8,924 per child per year to \$10,500 per child per year, pursuant to Public Act 23-150, Sec. 1, (1)(b).

\*2.55% of total services value for CDC programs. Programs operated by municipalities, board of educations, or higher education are *not* eligible for these funds.



# Contract Changes for FY25

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- **Language Changes:**

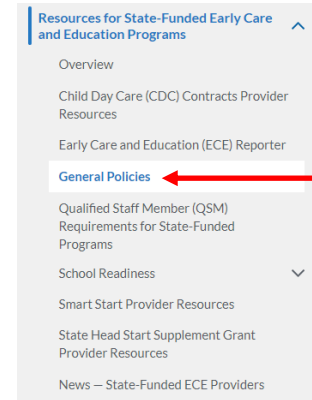
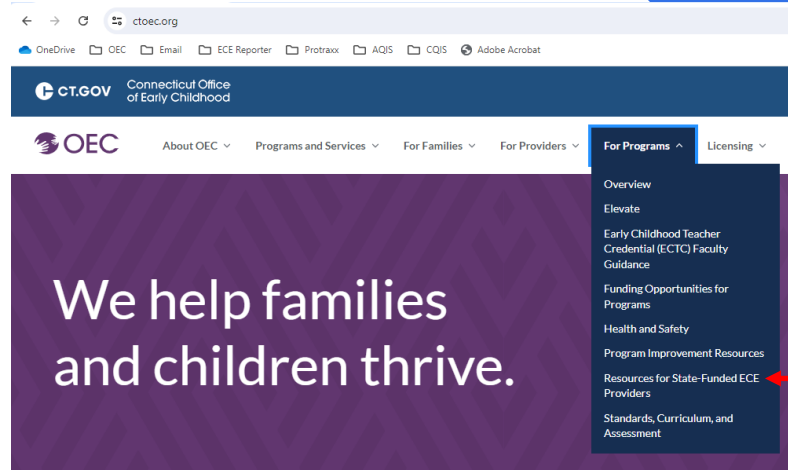
- New language **added** to existing language
  - Family Income Eligibility, Part I, Section B.6c: *At least sixty (60) percent of families enrolled must fall **at or** below seventy-five (75) percent of the state's median income level.*
- New language **replacing** existing language
  - Overpayments, Part I, Section D.5h(2)(b): *If it is determined that the Contractor is overpaid, **at the discretion of the OEC Commissioner**, the OEC **may**:*
    - *Apply a reduction to future payments under this contract;*
    - *Request the Contractor shall at the end of the contract period. Or earlier if the contract is terminated, return to the OEC unexpended funds within thirty (30) days; or*
    - *Allow the Contractor to retain refunds for recurring operation expenses reasonably attributed to the delivery of contractual services.*



# General Policy Changes

- **A-03:** Addition of section, [Assessment of Children's Progress](#)
- **B-03:** Language change: "Programs shall enroll at least sixty (60) percent of families that must fall **at or below** seventy-five (75) percent of the state's median income level."
- **B-04:** Addition of [Section VI. Overpayments](#)

A summary of General Policy changes will be forthcoming



# Program Changes for FY25

- **Monthly Reporting Submission Schedule:** The Monthly Reporting Submission Schedule for all state-funded programs is now based on calendar months. Schedule is posted on [CDC provider resources website](#).
- **First Quarter Payment:** Contractors paid for the full 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter payment in July and must pay subcontractors/providers the **full 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter payment not based on utilization**.


## Child Day Care (CDC) Contracts Provider Resources

Child Day Care (CDC) Contracts is established in [Section 8-210 of the Connecticut General Statutes](#). These contracts provide funding to develop and operate child care programs to serve infants, toddlers, preschool and school age children throughout Connecticut who are disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social or environmental conditions.

### Recent webinars/presentations

- NEW [CDC In-Person Meeting Presentation - May 2024](#) 

### Past webinars/presentations

- [CDC Orientation presentation - October 2023](#) 
- [CDC New Contractor presentation - June 2023 \(English\)](#)
- [CDC New Contractor presentation - June 2023 \(Spanish\)](#)
- [CDC New Contractor webinar June 2023](#)

### Reporting requirements

All Child Day Care programs are required to submit reports and forms to OEC to support contract compliance and program monitoring.


Data Submission and Reporting Requirements are detailed in [OEC General Policy A-03](#).

### Annual Forms

Annual Forms are sent via email to CDC contractors to be completed through a Qualtrics survey. Forms that contractors may need to resubmit during the year due to program changes should be completed and emailed to OEC Co-Program Managers.

### ECE Reporter

CDC programs are required to enter (or upload) child enrollment data and submit monthly reports via Early Care and Education (ECE) Reporter. CDC contractors with one or more subcontractors must review and approve all reports monthly and are responsible for monitoring the accuracy of the data submitted.

- [ECE Reporter](#)
- [ECE Reporter Help Desk](#)
- NEW [Monthly Report Submission Schedule 2024-25](#) 



# Early Start CT

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- **What is Early Start CT?** **Early Start CT** is Connecticut's new state-funded early care and education program, combining three funding streams (Child Day Care Contracts, School Readiness, and State Head Start Supplement) into a single state-funded program.
- **When does Early Start CT begin?** **Early Start CT** will launch July 1, 2025.
- **What is the status of Early Start CT?** **OEC Staff** are currently working on the Request for Applications (RFA) that will be released to state-funded programs in Fall 2024.



# Early Start CT

Where can programs go to find more information about Early Start CT?

<https://www.ctoec.org/early-start-ct/>

The screenshot shows the website for the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (CT.OEC). The header includes the CT.GOV logo and the text "Connecticut Office of Early Childhood". A navigation menu contains links for "About OEC", "Programs and Services", "For Families", "For Providers", "For Programs", "Licensing", and "Background Checks". A "Languages" dropdown is also present. The breadcrumb trail reads "Home > Early Start CT". The main content area features a purple "Programs and Services" sidebar with a list of links: Overview, Birth to Three, Care 4 Kids, Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), Early Childhood Facilities Construction and Renovation Grant Program, Family Bridge, Home Visiting, State-Funded Early Care and Education Programs, and News – Programs and Services. The main heading is "Early Start CT". Below it is a "On this page" section with links to "About Early Start CT", "Guiding principles", "Benefits of Early Start CT", "Timeline", and "What's next?". The "About Early Start CT" section begins with the text: "Early Start CT (ESCT) is a new state-funded early care and education program that's launching in July 2025. It combines 3 existing programs – Child Day Care Contracts, School Readiness Grants, and State Head Start Supplement Grants – into 1 program. This new program will make things easier for providers – with less paperwork and more predictable pay schedules. We're dedicated to reaching more families and making it easier for them to know their options for high-quality early care and education programming."





# Save The Date!

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- Our next CDC Meeting will be **in person** on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024** from **10am – 12pm** at 450 Columbus Blvd in Hartford
- Registration and agenda will be sent out early this fall



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# Thank you!

