

TO: Licensed Child Care Center and Group Child Care Home Providers
FROM: OEC Division of Licensing
RE: Revisions to Licensing Regulations Pertaining to
Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes

DATE: October 18, 2024

The CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC) wishes to inform you of recent changes to the child care center and group child care home licensing regulations. These changes are effective as of October 16, 2024. These changes were made according to the regulation making process that is outlined by section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes. As a licensed provider, you are required to comply with the requirements of the licensing regulations, including these most recent changes. We hope you find these changes are supportive of the operation of your child care program while also ensuring the safety, health and development of the children in your care.

A plain language summary of the changes is attached for your reference and has also been posted on our website. A full copy of the regulations with all changes may be obtained by visiting the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) website at www.ctoec.org/licensing/centers-group-child-care-homes. Please note, language being deleted from the regulations is in [brackets] and language being added to the regulations is underlined. The codified version (without the brackets and underscoring) of the regulations will be available from the Secretary of the State within the next month and we will make this “clean” version available on our website as soon as possible. Programs should read the regulations line-for-line with all staff to understand all changes and should share this information with the program’s health and education consultants for their awareness.

To help you become familiar with the changes to the licensing regulations, the OEC will post updates on its website that reviews the key changes to the regulations. If you have questions about the new regulations, you are encouraged to call the Licensing Help Desk at 860-500-4450 or 800-282-6063. You may also reach out to a Licensing Specialist directly.

These changes are effective October 16, 2024, and providers must take immediate steps to comply. OEC staff will monitor compliance using these new regulations when visiting programs. When a program is found to be out of compliance with a requirement, several factors will be considered given the recent passage date of these changes. The Office of Early Childhood will consider the time elapsed since the effective date of the new requirements, the nature of the requirements and all efforts taken by a provider to meet the requirements, when evaluating compliance. Programs are encouraged to document efforts to meet legal requirements and to keep any records or evidence of those efforts on file to share with OEC staff during licensing inspections.