



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD



DATE: March 5, 2021

TO: Licensed Family Child Care Homes Providers

FROM: Debra L. Johnson, Director, Division of Licensing

RE: Revisions to Licensing Regulations Pertaining to Family Child Care Homes

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) wishes to inform you of recent changes to the family child care home licensing regulations. These changes will be effective March 19, 2021. 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 family child care home while also ensuring the safety, health and development of the children in your care.

A plain language summary of the changes is enclosed for your reference. A full copy of the regulations with all changes may be obtained by visiting the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) website at <https://www.ctoec.org/licensing/statutes-and-regulations>. A copy of the regulations must be accessible at your family child care home. In addition, you and any staff that work in your family child care home, are required to read and understand such regulations.

To help you become familiar with the changes to the licensing regulations, the OEC has also posted on its website a video in both English and Spanish 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 March 19, 2021 and providers shall take immediate steps to comply. OEC staff 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. Providers 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.