

Public Acts Recently Enacted

The following is a list of public acts that passed during a recent legislative session that are specific to the Office of Early Childhood's (OEC) child care and/or youth camp licensing programs. The text of each public act should be reviewed and may be accessed by visiting the Connecticut General Assembly's web site at cga.ct.gov and conducting a quick "Bill" search at the bottom of the screen by searching on Public Act or Bill and entering the number of the Public Act or Bill that appears after the "16" as the Number.

[Public Act 16-100 An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Office of Early Childhood](#)

Section 1 of this Act, effective October 1, 2016, specifies that a change in operator, ownership or location shall be submitted to the OEC prior to the change for consideration pertaining to the application requirements. Section 2 of this Act, effective July 1, 2016, eliminates the term "drop-in" from some license exempt categories and requires entities that provide child care services that are exempt from licensing to inform the parents and legal guardians of any enrolled children that such program is not licensed by the OEC to provide such services.

[Public Act 16-131 An Act Concerning Criminal History Records Checks for Household Members of a Family Child Care Home and Providing Child Care Assistance Recipients Enrolled in Approved Higher Education Programs](#)

Section 1 of this Act clarifies the OEC's authority to require persons who reside in a family child care home who are sixteen years or older to submit to state and national criminal history records checks. Section 2 of this Act clarifies the OEC's authority to refuse to issue a family child care license or take action against a license if a household member who resides in the family child care home has a criminal record that renders the person unsuitable to operate a family child care home.