

## Child Care Center Licensing Outreach Connection – December 2023

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Licensing, is offering an opportunity for licensed child care centers to join us for an informational webinar presentation. Individuals from the various areas of DHS will share information and updates specific to licensed child care centers.

**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Daytime option:** 1:00-2:00 p.m. | [WebEx meeting link](#)

**Evening option:** 6:00-7:00 p.m. | [WebEx meeting link](#)

**The same information will be covered during both sessions.**

\* Registration is not required. Develop credit is not available for this presentation; however, centers can document attendance on individual in-service training records.

## Child Development Services - Great Start Compensation Support Payment Program

For resources or information relating to the Great Start Compensation Support Payment Program, visit the [Great Start website](#) and their [FAQs page](#) or email [CompensationSupport.DHS@state.mn.us](mailto:CompensationSupport.DHS@state.mn.us)

## Child Care Systems Transformation Project- Provider Hub

For more information about the Systems Transformation initiative and the Provider Hub, visit the [Systems Transformation website](#).

- Resources for accessing and learning about computers, internet, and technology, including financial resources and grants: [Tech Readiness Resources](#)
- For technical assistance with the Provider Hub, contact the Product Experience Team by submitting a case through the Help & Resources page in the Provider Hub or calling 651-431-6075
- To provide feedback about the Provider Hub, contact the product team at [ccproviderhub.dhs@state.mn.us](mailto:ccproviderhub.dhs@state.mn.us)

## Regulation Modernization

The Child Care Regulation Modernization Project aims to create consistency throughout the state on licensing actions, allow eligible programs shorter inspections for outstanding performance, and modernize outdated licensing language. The project has three components:

- Risk-based tiered violation system (also known as the Weighted Risk System)
- Abbreviated inspections (also known as Key Indicator System)
- Revised licensing standards

For more information and ways to get involved, see the [Regulation Modernization website](#).

## Legislative session updates

Each legislative session provides an opportunity that there may be requirement changes or updates for licensed child care centers.

When updates need to be communicated, the DHS Licensing Division sends out communications via the gov-delivery system. In addition, an implementation plan is developed and shared with licensed child care centers, explaining how changes may apply to them.

The [Child Care Center Licensing webpage](#) has a section that shares information on [legislative changes](#) and includes the current implementation plan and an archive of plans from past years for reference.

During the legislative session, [Child Care Aware Minnesota](#) offers a weekly [Bill Tracker](#) that summarizes the progress of bills and other news related to early care and education and school-age care.

## Background Study Division contact information

[MN DHS Background Studies main webpage](#)

- BGS phone number: 651-431-6620
- For child care background study related questions email: [dhs.backgroundcc@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.backgroundcc@state.mn.us)
- For NETStudy 2.0 related questions or technical assistance email: [dhs.netstudy2@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.netstudy2@state.mn.us)

Additional background study and NETStudy 2.0 resources

- [IdentiGO-check status site](#)
- [MN DHS NetStudy 2.0 Enhanced Study Applicant Disclosure](#)
- [Frequently asked questions about DHS background studies](#)
- [DHS background study information for child care providers](#)
- [Child Care Centers Background Study Worksheet: Is a Background study required?](#)
- [NETStudy 2.0 frequently asked questions](#)

- [List of fingerprint locations and go-live dates for new sites](#)
- [Frequently asked questions on IDEMIA \(the fingerprint vendor\)](#)

## Child Care Center Licensing

### Implementation Plan

The [2023 Implementation Plan](#) is available on the Child Care Center Licensing webpage.

### Questions & Answers

The Licensing Division has a licensor available to answer questions Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- By email at: [dhs.ccc.licensing@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.ccc.licensing@state.mn.us)
- Or at 651-431-6015 -new number as of November 1, 2023

If you have specific questions about your program, please reach out to your licensor. Licensors have *new phone numbers as of November 1, 2023*.

- You can reach your licensor at 651-431-6030 and then enter their extension - A directory is available on the call
- Providers can see their licensor's phone number and extension on each business license area in the Provider Hub

If you have training related questions, our training specialists can be reached at [dhs.cclictraining@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.cclictraining@state.mn.us)

## Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Stay up to Date on the New Department of Children, Youth and Families

The Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) will be established in July 2024 and fully staffed by July 2025. For more information on the background, timeline, and related resources, [visit the DCYF webpage](#).

You can also [subscribe to the DCYF Implementation Office newsletter](#) to receive email updates.

## Early Childhood Connector

### Early Childhood Connector newsletter subscription

[Sign up to receive communications from the Early Childhood Connector](#), a cross-agency effort to provide updates to child care providers and early educators in Minnesota. By signing up, you can expect to receive a quarterly newsletter highlighting resources, supports and updates on child care and early education from the Minnesota Children's Cabinet and Departments of Education, Health, and Human Services. Content will be

tailored to licensed and nonlicensed child care, Head Start, and prekindergarten programs. In addition to the Early Childhood Connector newsletter, occasional updates will be sent.

## **Early Childhood Connector Calls**

In September, the state hosted its first Early Childhood Connector Call to answer child care questions related to legislation, licensing, programs, grants and more. The purpose of Connector Calls is to answer clarifying questions from providers and improve state communications. [Calls are recorded and available on the Early Childhood Connector webpage.](#)

Educators of all types are invited to these calls. We welcome questions from licensed programs, certified centers, exempt programs, legally nonlicensed providers, Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers, and individuals interested in starting a child care business.

### Early Childhood Connector Call details

**Next call date:** Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. Central Time

**Where:** Hosted virtually on WebEx

**Meeting link:** <https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=mf60d07708da1e68a68509044d46cef20>

**Purpose:** For the state to answer clarifying questions for child care providers and early educators. The state will not address individual grievances during this time.

**[Submit your questions here:](#)** Questions must be submitted before the event; we will not answer live questions. We will do our best to answer all questions as time allows. Please submit your questions two weeks before the call, by Jan. 10, 2024.

Please save the date and meeting link on your own calendar; the state will not send a meeting invite.

***Thank you for your time and attention.***

***The content in this handout is current as of the date presented; the DHS reserves the right to update or revise as applicable.***