

OEC Update on Provider Background Checks

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There are important new federal requirements for background checks that affect child care providers.

This is the first in a series of updates to help child care providers meet these requirements.

What is New?

1. Background checks are now more comprehensive.
2. License-exempt providers* who receive Care 4 Kids funding must now get background checks through the OEC.
3. All child care providers*, staff members, volunteers, and household members over 16 must get a comprehensive background check **every 5 years**.

All child care providers* must meet these requirements by September 30, 2019.

We know that these additional background checks may be a lot of work for you. OEC is working to make this as easy as possible.

What are the Next Steps for Providers?

1. As soon as possible, please **start new background checks** for people you know have never been checked by the OEC, or were checked more than four years ago. You can request background check packets online, using the OEC Background Checks link provided below. Scroll to the section called, "Get a background check."
2. **New OEC Website for Staff/Household Member Rosters:** You will soon receive an email with instructions on how to access and use this new site. We ask that you please complete your roster within 2 weeks after your email arrives. OEC will upload your roster into **BCIS** – the new **Background Check Information System** database being developed by OEC.
3. Look for **frequent updates, FAQs**, and more details at <https://beta.ctoec.org/background-checks/>

If you have checked the webpage and still have questions, please email oeCBCIS@ct.gov

**Except youth camps and unlicensed Care 4 Kids providers related to all children in care*