



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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DATE: September 6, 2024

TO: Licensed Child Day Programs, Licensed Short-Term Child Day Centers, Licensed Family Day Homes, Licensed Family Day Systems, Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers, Certified Preschools, Center-Based and Home-Based Programs Participating in the Child Care Subsidy Program, Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes, and Family Day Homes Approved by a Family Day System

FROM: Jeffrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent - Child Care Health and Safety, Virginia Department of Education

SUBJECT: Notice of Public Comment Period for Proposed General Procedures and Background Checks, 8VAC20-821

The Proposed General Procedures and Background Checks regulation (8VAC20-821) will be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations (Volume 41, Issue 2) on September 9, 2024, starting a 60-day public comment period that continues through November 8, 2024.

The Proposed General Procedures and Background Checks regulation (8VAC20-821) establishes a new comprehensive chapter which includes general procedures and information for licensure; and incorporates background check requirements for all child day programs required to have a background check by Chapter 14.1 of Title 22.1 of the Code of Virginia. The purpose of this regulatory action is to clarify existing regulatory requirements, update practices and procedures, and implement statutory requirements. The revised regulation reflects the Department's efforts to streamline and clarify requirements accomplished through a comprehensive review pursuant to [Executive Order 19](#), and the needs of the child care provider community and the families served in child care programs.

Comments on the proposed regulation may be submitted via Regulatory Town Hall at <https://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=9793>; or emailed to Tatanishia Armstrong, Legislative Consultant, Virginia Department of Education, 101 N. 14th St., Richmond, VA 23219, 804-382-5047, tatanishia.armstrong@doe.virginia.gov. In order to be considered, comments must be received by 11:59 pm on the last day of the public comment period.