



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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DATE: December 23, 2025

TO: Licensed Child Day Centers, Licensed Short-Term Child Day Centers, Licensed Family Day Homes, Licensed Family Day Systems, Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers, Certified Preschools, Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes, Center-Based Subsidy Providers, Home-Based Subsidy Providers, Exempt Out-of-School Time Programs, and Filing Exempt Programs

FROM: Jeffrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent, Child Care Health and Safety

SUBJECT: Training on General Procedures for the Licensure of Child Day Programs and Family Day Systems and Background Checks, 8VAC20-821

The final *General Procedures for the Licensure of Child Day Programs and Family Day Systems and Background Checks* regulation (8VAC20-821) was published in the Virginia Register of Regulations ([Volume 42, Issue 8](#)) on December 1, 2025. This publication initiated the final adoption period, which includes a minimum 30-day waiting period before the regulation becomes effective. The regulation is scheduled to take effect on February 1, 2026.

- The Department will provide comprehensive training to help you prepare for implementation of the new standards during the week of January 5, 2026.
- Virtual and in-person options will be offered. Registration is not required.
- The virtual session will be recorded and posted on the Department's website for those who are unable to attend an in-person or virtual session.

The full schedule is listed below:

- **In-Person Session: Tuesday, January 6, 12-1 p.m.**
 - Location: [Handley Robinson Auditorium](#), 100 West Piccadilly Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601
- **In-Person Session: Wednesday, January 7, 12-1 p.m.**
 - Location: [Main Street Library](#), 110 Main Street, Newport News, Virginia 23601
- **In-Person Session: Thursday, January 8, 12-1 p.m.**
 - Location: [Williamson Library](#), 3837 Williamson Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24012

- **Virtual Session: Friday, January 9, 12-1 p.m.**

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 252 884 003 458 00
- Passcode: Mh2C7bb9

Although the final *General Procedures for the Licensure of Child Day Programs and Family Day Systems and Background Checks* regulation (8VAC20-821) applies solely to licensed child day programs, licensed family day systems, and voluntarily registered family day homes, all child day programs may participate in the training. Participation is encouraged for any program that may seek licensure in the future.

More detailed information about the final *General Procedures for the Licensure of Child Day Programs and Family Day Systems and Background Checks* regulation (8VAC20-821) can be found in the [VDOE memo](#) previously distributed to child day programs and family day systems on December 1.