

## BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Dear Child Care Provider:

Webinars were held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss proposed amendments to licensing rules for Child Care Learning Centers and Family Child Care Learning Homes. If you were unable to attend either of these webinars, a recording of this information is now available and can be accessed on the "Proposed Revisions" tab at the following link: <a href="https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>.

If you have any questions about this webinar or the proposed amendments, contact DECAL at <a href="mailto:CCSRuleRevisions@decal.ga.gov">CCSWebinar@decal.ga.gov</a>.

The proposed amendments are being considered on a permanent basis to clarify federal requirements for compliance, comply with state legislation, and enhance the health and safety for children in care. DECAL invites interested parties to comment on them. Interested parties may submit <u>written comments</u> by mail to 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 754, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334; by fax to 678-891-5643; by entering comments through the TEAMS chat box at:

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/54aaa141-9ac8-4e64-b5c2-61c65c6a355b@b8e0a1a4-a274-4c23-97e9-608b64c12f4e during the public hearing; or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:CCSRuleRevisions@decal.ga.gov">CCSRuleRevisions@decal.ga.gov</a>. To be considered, DECAL must receive written comments on or before 5 p.m., May 14, 2025.

Comments made in writing will be given the same consideration as those that are made verbally.

All interested parties are invited to participate in the virtual public hearing even if they choose not to make verbal comments regarding the proposed rule amendments.

We appreciate our partnership with you in meeting the early care and education needs of Georgia's children and families, and we value your expertise and experience as we refine the rules and regulations that ensure our children remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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