



### Greetings from Child Care Licensing!

We are excited to collaborate with Child Care Aware® of NH to bring news from the Child Care Licensing Unit to the child care community on a regular basis through their e-newsletter, Monthly Minutes. Every month, we will strive to bring you information to increase your understanding of the NH Child Care Licensing rules, and to share other resources to assist you in your work with and on behalf of children and their families.

We will also use this space to share any important announcements as they relate to Child Care Licensing Unit (CCLU).

### **Background Checks Update**

DHHS is requesting an extension from the federal Office of Child Care to allow for more time to complete the rulemaking process to include the out of state criminal background checks and the requirement that staff not work until the background checks are completed. We want to assure that the rules are clear, and to allow additional planning time to improve processes for notification of the results of the background checks.

WHAT THIS MEANS: **Nothing changes at this time.** Please continue to complete the background check process as described on our website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/fingerprinting.htm>

Until next month!

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