

## NOTICE TO DAY CARE CENTERS

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Public Act 103-0821 was signed into law on August 09, 2024 with an immediate effective date. The Child Care Act of 1969 will be amended as follows:

*Through June 30, 2029, either a qualified child care director, as described in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 407.130, or a qualified early childhood teacher, as described in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 407.140, with a minimum of 2880 hours of experience as an early childhood teacher at the early childhood teacher's current facility must be present for the first and last hour of the workday and at the open or close of the facility. The Department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Such rules must be filed with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules no later than January 1, 2025.*

[225 ILCS 10/3(f)]

Day care centers may begin implementing the use of an early childhood teacher in lieu of a child care director during the first and last hour of operation of the facility if they meet the following:

- There is documentation on file of 2880 hours of experience working as an early childhood teacher at their current facility; and
- The early childhood teacher must meet the qualifications listed in Section 407.140 of Rule 407, Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers.

The Department will file permanent rulemaking with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules in order to comply with the provisions of the Child Care Act of 1969.

All questions should be directed to your Licensing Representative