

Summary of 2026 Changes to CCEYA

On June 23, 2026, the Ministry of Education sent a memo to child care licensees sharing updates to the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA). The majority of the changes are regarding health and safety policies in the following areas:

- Vehicle impact protection;
- Enhanced safety for septic systems;
- Hazard mitigation;
- Administration of medication;
- Supervision and procedures for missing children;
- Criminal convictions that prevent individuals from providing child care, and;
- Prohibited practices within licensed child care settings

How will these changes impact educators and child care staff?

Your executive director/supervisor/board of directors will be working on amending your centre's policies to reflect the changes. Staff will need to review and sign the updated policies, and, in some instances, additional training might be required. Policies that will be impacted include:

- Safeguarding children;
- Preventing unauthorized access;
- Supervision;
- Missing child procedure;
- Acting supervisor in emergency situations, and;
- Staff training

Effective July 1, 2026, staff, providers and children will be able to carry a broader range of medications ensuring quick access in an emergency, including medications for epilepsy and diabetes, as well as any other medication that a prescribing medical professional determines must be readily available to prevent a significant risk to the child's health.

You may also notice new physical safety barriers being installed around your centre and additional safety measures added around septic systems, as well as any other necessary hazard mitigation.

More info: the [Child Care and Early Years Act \(CCEYA\)](#) is available in full on the Ontario Legislative Assembly's e-Laws platform. If you have any questions about this issue, please send us an email at info@aeceo.ca.