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To whom it may concern:

It has come to our attention that some licensed child care providers and Early Head Start sites need guidance about the background checks status for early intervention providers who work with children who have an Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP).

While the intent is that all providers who have access to children go through the Department of Children, Youth, and Families background check process, our system is not currently set up for early intervention providers and other consultants. Until the process is ready, please continue to allow access for your early intervention partners who have a current background check required by Early Support for Infants and Toddlers. Your Local Lead Agency (LLA) for early intervention requires and tracks all background checks. Please contact your LLA if you have questions on any provider's background check status. A contact list for your LLA is enclosed.

Thank you for keeping children safe and for your patience as we continue to build out our early learning background check capacity.

Sincerely

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Enclosure

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