

Hello,

As a registered childcare (home) provider, and someone who has a BS in Biology and a teaching license, I strongly disagree with this OPR process. While a college education does give you background knowledge for children's development, it does not ensure a quality childcare program. Childcare education can come from job/personal experience and trainings that are already mandated. You can have an educated person who isn't motivated or acting in the best interest of the children and that person/program, according to this "new" standard would be deemed better than the "uneducated", yet, motivated provider.

While I do agree that passing this will "weed out" the programs who are not providing quality childcare, I also believe other programs will choose to close their doors or stop someone who would like to get into the industry as a registered provider from opening. Either way, this will create an event deeper childcare crisis than we already have. Will more illegal childcares open? What will parents do with their children while they work? These are just 2 questions that you need to ponder before voting.

Thank you for your time,

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