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Note: Our summer break is done! We will be publishing our newsletter two days a week again. Stay tuned in each newsletter for what is happening with child care regulations in Illinois, what is happening in the state capitol and what is next.

As we head into the school year, center directors find themselves with staff leaving for higher-paying jobs while attempting to enroll kids in their center for the fall. What is wrong with that equation?

It is difficult not to be screaming at the top of our lungs at the legislators we talk to for you. But talk to them we do. We have answers that don't cost any money. And yet the powers-that-be in Springfield would rather your center go out of business with a waiting list than change a regulation that would make it easier to hire qualified staff. That obviously has to change.

Update on new proposed childcare rules.

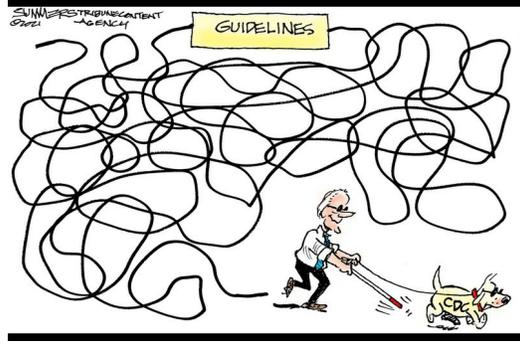
ILDOCC is working on your behalf (and with your help) to meet with JCAR members about government overreach with the new proposed rules from DCFS. All members that ILDOCC has been talking to, Democrat or Republican, have expressed disappointment and/or dismay at the proposed rule changes. Why? Because it's a veritable "wish list" of burdensome regulations and mandates on childcare centers. It even exacerbates the teacher staffing crisis that keeps causing childcare centers (with waiting lists) to go out of business. Meanwhile, the special interests aligned with the Administration have refused to work with ILDOCC on the teacher staffing crisis as it publicly promised to do so in May. Legislators are getting the message, and we hope to have positive results soon.

What can you do?

You can [contact ILDOCC](#) to share your concerns and see how you can help us with your time.

No time to help? You can [subscribe to ILDOCC](#) for \$250 per year so we have the fuel to keep pressuring legislators on your behalf. All of your money is used to fund our lobbying activities. Your ILDOCC leaders are all-volunteer.

You can also [write ILDOCC a short note](#) about how the staffing crisis is affecting you. We will get your message to the right people in Springfield.



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