



**Department of
Early Education and Care**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Amy Kershaw, Acting Commissioner

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Richard Villani
C/O Town of Milford – Milford Youth Center
24 Pearl St.
Milford, MA 01757

Dear Mr. Villani,

Thank you for reaching out to the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) concerning the Milford Youth Center

The information you submitted to EEC states the Milford Youth Center is designed for children 0 to 5 years old. The program is designed for “where parents/guardians can come with their child for playtime.” You state children can attend up to one and half hours a day, one day per week and the “Parents/Guardians must stay at all times.”

The information you also submitted to EEC states the Milford Youth Center is designed as a free, open-door after school program for youth ages 8 to 18 years old. The program will operate 5 days a week for 3.75 hours each day. You state children may arrive and depart from the program as they wish, and children are not required to register in advance.

Based on your representations, this type of program does not meet EECs statutory definition of childcare, see G.L. c15D, sec. 1A, and does not require licensure. EEC is revising the process by which so-called license exempt programs, like Milford Youth Center, are reviewed and is not issuing license exempt certification as this time. Accordingly, please accept this email as EEC’s determination that the Milford Youth Center does not need an EEC-childcare license, as long as it operates consistent with the representations you provided.

Should you have any additional questions, or if the program model changes, please contact Ann Cosgrove, Program Supervisor at 508-461-1458. Thank you for your work to support children and parents.

Sincerely,

Marisol Rosado-Ledoux
Regional Director

cc: Ann Cosgrove, Program Supervisor
Noelle McCullough, Licensing Specialist