

# HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT (ECER) 2023

This edition has seen minor changes to two benchmarks influenced by the CWELCC agreements and workforce challenges.

## Benchmark 9

As a result of substantial vacancies due to workforce shortages in many jurisdictions, the wording for this benchmark has been updated to reflect licensed capacity, rather than attendance in ECEC programs.

## Benchmark 21

Due to residual effects from the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent delays in the collection and reporting of population measures, this edition considers the benchmark reached if population measures were collected within the last three years, regardless of public reporting.

