ONB Preschool Policy Landscape:

Winter 2024

Licensed their first yurt!

Hired a licensing specialist to oversee ONB licensing rule creation, with the goal of putting ONB licensing into effect July 2025

Met with Agency representatives to discuss incorporating nature-based settings into licensing updates

Hosted a licensing webinar with licensing supervisors in attendance

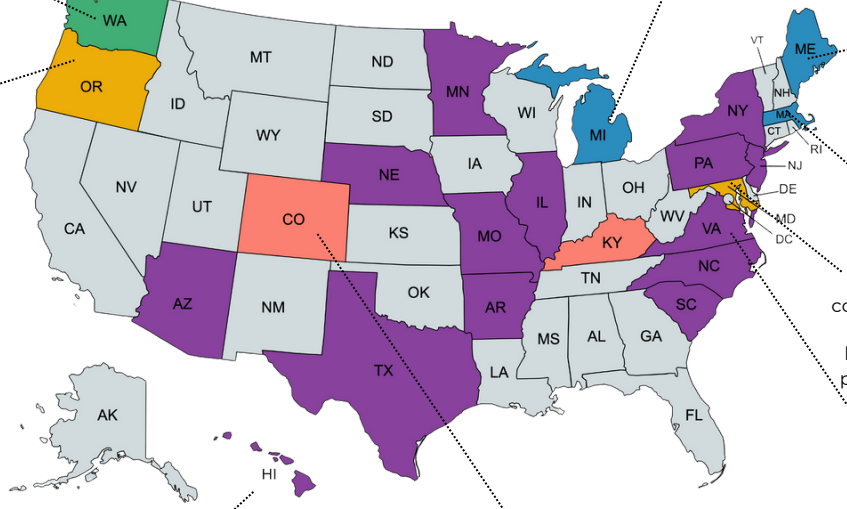
Successfully licensing outdoor programs via waiver approval

Advisory group convening regularly with MDEC and hoping to launch pilot licensing this fall.

Gained approvall to license an outdoor preschool demonstration site in Lahaina, Maui

Recently introduced legislation in collaboration with CDEC and CCNBECE

Coalition-building and learning from other states



- ONB childcare licensing in effect
- ONB rules package in development
- ONB rules under consideration
- Active ONB legislation
- Interest/Coalition- building

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