

WAC 246-329-110 Personnel policy and procedures and records.

The purpose of this section is to ensure the birth center provides direction and standards in the employment, contracting and recording of personnel procedures.

(1) A childbirth center applicant or licensee must establish and implement policy and procedures which include, but are not limited to:

(a) For those birth centers operated by an employer as defined by RCW 49.60.040(3), employment criteria consistent with chapter 49.60 RCW;

(b) Job descriptions for employees, contractor agreements, volunteer responsibility statements and agreements with students commensurate with responsibilities and consent with health care professional credentialing and scope of practice as defined in relevant practice acts and associated rules;

(c) Verification of clinical staff credentials;

(d) Orientation to current agency policies and procedures and verification of skills or training for all clinical staff;

(e) Current neonatal and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation training consistent with agency policies and procedures and community standards for all clinical staff;

(f) Infection control practices for clinical staff including communicable disease testing, immunization, vaccination and universal precautions or equivalent method of preventing the transmission of infection according to current local health authorities and shall include the availability of equipment necessary to implement plans of care and infection control policies and procedures;

(i) Birth centers must establish and implement a TB screening program for personnel;

(ii) Birth centers must provide or offer to employees Hepatitis B vaccination according to WAC 296-62-08001; and

(iii) Birth centers must assure that all contractors have received or been offered Hepatitis B vaccination according to WAC 296-62-08001;

(g) Verification of appropriate education and training of all personnel, contractors, student and volunteers on the prevention, transmission, and treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) consistent with RCW 70.24.310;

(h) Performance evaluations of all personnel, including evaluations of contractor and student agreements to be conducted per birth center's policy and procedure; and

(i) Washington state patrol criminal background inquiries and disclosure statements under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845 for the administrator, owner, director of services and personnel, contractors, volunteers, students, and any other individual associated with the licensee who has direct contact with children under sixteen years of age, people with developmental disabilities or vulnerable adults.

(2) Each employee, contractor, student and volunteer shall have a current record maintained by the birth center which contains, but is not limited to, the following information:

(a) Documentation of the items stated above in subsection (1)(b) through (e) and (g) through (i) of this section.

(b) Evidence of communicable disease testing as required by local health authorities and per birth center policy and procedures and shall include, at a minimum, documented evidence of tuberculin (TB) screening as required in WAC 246-329-110 (1)(f) and documented evi-

dence of Hepatitis B vaccination being provided or offered according to WAC 296-62-08001.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.46 RCW and RCW 43.70.040. WSR 07-07-075, § 246-329-110, filed 3/16/07, effective 4/16/07.]