

WSR 24-04-096
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 110-425-0030 Definitions, 110-425-0080 Children eligible for enrollment, and other related rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.216.505, 43.216.512, 43.216.5052; and E2SSB 5237, chapter 199, Laws of 2021.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Fair Start for Kids Act (E2SSB 5237) directs the department of children, youth, and families to establish a definition of an Indian child that will be used for early childhood education and assistance program (ECEAP) enrollment. The definition will include federally and nonfederally recognized tribal members and increase clarity around which children are eligible for enrollment as an Indian child into ECEAP programming. The definition needs to be in rule by July 1, 2024.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Nicole Parker, phone 360-338-5162, email nicole.parker@dcyf.wa.gov, website www.dcyf.wa.gov; or Amy Emerson, phone 360-972-5385, email amy.emerson@dcyf.wa.gov, website www.dcyf.wa.gov.

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