

**WSR 24-07-041**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 110-16 WAC, License-exempt care—Family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) in-home/relative child care providers and other related rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.216.055, 43.216.065; and chapter 43.216 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The licensing division of the department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) is amending these rules to clarify requirements for FFN providers providing care for children getting services through the working connections child care subsidy program. These updates will also allow DCYF to better meet federal directives concerning the number of children in care under age two pursuant to recent audit findings.

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 Judy Jaramillo, phone 360-529-6542, email [judy.jaramillo@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:judy.jaramillo@dcyf.wa.gov), website [www.dcyf.wa.gov](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov); or Amy Emerson, phone 360-972-5385, email [amy.emerson@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:amy.emerson@dcyf.wa.gov), website [www.dcyf.wa.gov](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov).

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