

**WAC 110-302-0125 Character, competence, and suitability to serve children in care—Professional evaluations.** (1) ONB providers must have the personal characteristics, competencies, and suitability described in this section to operate, oversee, or work in a licensed ONB program.

(a) The understanding, ability, physical health, emotional stability, good judgment, and personality suited to meet the physical, intellectual, mental, emotional, and social needs of children in care;

(b) Be authorized by the department to care for or have unsupervised access to children in care pursuant to chapter 110-06 WAC; and

(c) Be able to furnish children in care with a healthy, safe, nurturing, respectful, supportive, and responsive environment.

(2) To further assess a person's character, competence, or suitability to serve children in care, the department at its discretion may require ONB providers who have or may have access to children in care, to undergo one or more of the following:

(a) Sexual deviancy evaluations;

(b) Substance abuse evaluations;

(c) Psychiatric evaluations;

(d) Psychological evaluations; or

(e) Medical evaluations.

(3) Any evaluation required under subsection (2) of this section will be conducted at the expense of the person being evaluated or the ONB provider with which that person is associated.

(4) The person being evaluated under subsection (2) of this section must give the department permission to speak with the evaluator(s) who conducts or conducted an evaluation both prior to and after the evaluation.

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