

FORM OF ORDER AND TRANSMITTAL BY AGENCY HAVING SINGLE HEAD

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 83-10

(1) I, PAUL DZIEDZIC, director of DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

do promulgate and adopt at 921 Lakeridge Drive, Room 202, Olympia, WA 98504 (place)

the annexed rules relating to:

- WAC 67-55 Child and Family Services
WAC 67-50 Repealer

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. 83-22-026 filed with the code reviser on 10/26/83. These rules shall take effect: [X] thirty days after they are filed with the code reviser pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2). [] at a later date, such date being

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

I, find that an emergency exists and that this order is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to public interest. A statement of the facts constituting the emergency is:

These rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04.026 that every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate:

- [] (a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW and is intended to administratively implement that statute.
[] (b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW which directs that the

(agency)

has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

[X] (c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule-making authority of the DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

(agency)

as authorized in RCW Chapter 194, Laws of 1983, Section 18

(4) The undersigned hereby declares that the agency has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW) in the adoption of these rules.

(5) This order, after being first recorded in the order register of this agency, is herewith transmitted to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED December 14 19 83

DEC 15 1983

By Paul Dzedzic Paul Dzedzic Director

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE WSR 84-01-044

Chapter 67-55 WAC

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

WAC

67-55-010 Purpose and description.
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NEW SECTION

WAC 67-55-010 PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION. The authority for child and family services are established in RCW 74.16.300, 74.16.400 and 74.16.490. The purpose of this program is to provide services to blind children and their families in order to facilitate the child's optimum participation in school and society.

NEW SECTION

WAC 67-55-020 REFERRAL FOR SERVICES. Referrals of children for child and family services shall be accepted from any and all sources.

NEW SECTION

WAC 67-55-030 INITIAL INTERVIEW. (1) The department shall interview all referrals to child and family services and/or their families as soon as possible following referral.

(2) At the initial interview the interviewer shall:

(a) Explain to the child and/or his family the nature and scope of available services as they relate to the child.

(b) Inform the child and/or his family of the right to confidentiality of information possessed by the department.

(c) Obtain any information necessary in determining eligibility for child and family services.

NEW SECTION

WAC 67-55-035 ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES. The department shall make eligibility determination as to every referral for child and family services. The determination of eligibility shall be made as soon as possible after referral.

NEW SECTION

WAC 67-55-040 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. (1) To be eligible for child and family services an individual must be between the ages of birth and twenty-one years.

(2) Any child below the age of twenty-one years who has completed high school or has discontinued his/her formal education shall not be eligible for child and family services. Such children shall be referred for vocational rehabilitation or other appropriate resources.

(3) Eligibility for child and family services shall be dependent on documentation of a visual impairment including one or more of the following conditions:

(a) Legal blindness or visual handicap as they are customarily defined, either in terms of qualifying reduction in visual acuity and/or a qualifying reduction in visual fields.

(b) A visual impairment which is progressive in nature and can be expected to lead to blindness within a reasonable period of time.

(c) Reductions in both visual acuity and visual fields such that the effect is substantially that of legal blindness, or visual efficiency is so reduced as to have substantially the same effect as legal blindness.

(d) A visual impairment which makes it impossible for a child to compete successfully in school and other childhood endeavors.

NEW SECTION

WAC 67-55-050 CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES--SERVICES PROVIDED. Services provided by child and family services include:

(1) Direct consultation with children and their families to provide developmental training, general counseling, needs assessment, and information regarding other available resources.

(2) Direct consultation and technical assistance to teachers, administrators and other educational personnel in order to facilitate adequate programs for blind and visually handicapped children.

(3) Direct consultation and technical assistance to other professionals who work with blind and visually handicapped children.

(4) Periodic follow-up throughout the child's term of eligibility to assure continuation of appropriate services.

(5) Continuity of case management and facilitation of transition to vocational rehabilitation at the appropriate time.

(6) Advocacy in all sectors of society for blind and visually handicapped children and/or their families to assure their rights to participate fully in the educational, vocational and social endeavors of society in general.

NEW SECTION

WAC 67-55-060 TERMINATION. A child shall be terminated from child and family services for the following reasons:

(1) The child has completed high school;

(2) The child has withdrawn from school prior to his/her senior year and does not intend to return;

(3) The child has reached the age of twenty-one years;

(4) The child's vision improves to a degree which no longer meets the criteria for eligibility;

(5) The child moves from the state of Washington; or

(6) The child and/or his/her family requests termination.

REPEALER

The following chapter of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

- (1) WAC 67-50-010 PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION.
- (2) WAC 67-50-020 REFERRAL FOR SERVICES.
- (3) WAC 67-50-030 INITIAL INTERVIEW.
- (4) WAC 67-50-035 ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES.
- (5) WAC 67-50-040 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.
- (6) WAC 67-50-050 CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES--SERVICES PROVIDED.
- (7) WAC 67-50-060 TERMINATION.