

WSR 24-08-009
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) licensing division will be amending WAC 110-300-0358 Capacity waiver for family home providers, and other related rules. The WAC revisions will allow DCYF to:

- Revise waivers related to capacity.
- Limit issuing waivers to providers with exceptional licensing history.
- Require better coordination between DCYF, child care providers, and local building authorities.
- Revise requirements for emergency preparedness.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject:
RCW 43.216.692.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The language of the WAC is being amended to resolve health and safety concerns that have been identified by child care licensing staff, as well as a workgroup of representatives from local building and fire officials.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: State and local building and fire officials.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Debbie Groff, 1661 Fowler Street, Richland, WA 99352, phone 509-380-4247, email Debbie.groff@dcyf.wa.gov; or Tara Camp, 1002 North 16th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902, phone 509-823-7503, email tara.camp@dcyf.wa.gov.

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