

**WSR 24-08-010**  
**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, licensing division will be amending rules to inform providers how [to] prevent harm to children. The following WAC refer to prohibited behavior, discipline, and physical removal of children and need to be revised: WAC 110-300-0331 Prohibited behavior, discipline, and physical removal of children, 110-301-0331 Prohibited behavior, discipline, and physical removal of children, and 110-302-0331 Prohibited behavior, discipline, and physical removal of children; other related rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 42.56 RCW; RCW 43.215.070, 43.215.201, 43.216.055, 43.216.065, and 43.216.742.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The language of the WAC does not clearly forbid child care providers from harming children. This rule requires an immediate and permanent change to the WAC chapters to protect children from harm.

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: 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](mailto: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](mailto:tara.camp@dcyf.wa.gov).

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