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AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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Following is the department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) semi-annual rule-making agenda for July 1 through December 31, 2024. This agenda will be published in the Washington State Register as required in RCW 34.05.314 and distributed to interested parties. It is also available on the DCYF rule-making web page.

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**Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda
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WAC Sections	Subject Matter	CR-101 Filings	CR-102 or CR-105 Filings	CR-103E Filings
110-15-0003 110-15-0005 110-15-0015 110-15-0024 110-15-0045 110-15-0075	Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care (WCCC and SCC): Amending to Expand eligibility to people working in licensed child care centers and licensed family homes, specialty and therapeutic court participants, and undocumented children. This rule making will also establish eligibility for families with a parent participating in a state-registered apprenticeship with income less than 85 percent of the state median income who, within the last year, were approved for WCCC.	23-19-077 Filed 9/19/23	24-14-137 Filed 7/2/24	24-10-060 Filed 4/26/24
110-15-0005 110-15-0045 110-15-0065 110-15-0075	WCCC and SCC: Amending rules on the eligibility requirements for child care and food assistance. DCYF is also amending rules to allow the following programs to be an approved activity for eligibility: Birth to three early childhood education and assistance program (ECEAP) and early head start programs. These amendments are required by legislation.	24-14-053 Filed 6/26/24		
110-15-0215 110-15-0249	WCCC and SCC - Infant Enhancement Rate, Nonstandard Hours Bonus: Amending the infant enhancement rate and nonstandard hours bonus rate to align with legislative requirements.	24-14-034 Filed 6/25/24		24-14-035 Filed 6/25/24
Chapter 110-15	WCCC and SCC: Housekeeping and plain talking edits.	24-15-069 Filed 7/17/24		
Chapter 110-16	Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFN): Clarifying requirements for FFN providers providing care for children getting services through the WCCC subsidy program.	24-07-041 Filed 3/13/24		
110-50-0900 through 110-50-0970 110-50-1000 through 110-50-1090	Foster Parent Liability Fund and Property Damage Reimbursement: Amending rules to correct the address for submitting reimbursement forms; allow for reimbursement to unlicensed caregivers; and increase the reimbursement limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000.	24-13-013 Filed 6/6/24		

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Chapter 110-90	Extended Foster Care (EFC): Amending the EFC program WAC in chapter 110-90 WAC and other related rules as required by SB 5908, which took effect June 6, 2024. These changes will reduce systemic barriers to youth who are dependent at the age of 18 and voluntarily enroll in the EFC program by eliminating the federal eligibility requirements.	24-13-011 Filed 6/6/24		24-13-010 Filed 6/6/24
Chapter 110-145	Group Care: Amending group care rules to be more developmentally and culturally appropriate and flexible to meet individual youth's needs. Additionally, the project will allow DCYF to best determine how these licensing WACs can better accommodate the most relevant and beneficial programming and settings as possible, all while maintaining minimum health and safety standards. WAC changes will be made using negotiated rule making.	24-11-084 Filed 5/16/24		
Chapter 110-148	Foster Care: Amending foster care rules to be more developmentally and culturally appropriate and flexible to meet individual youth's needs.	Anticipated		
Chapter 110-148	Licensing Standards for Kinship Caregivers: Amending rules to remove child-specific items to accommodate a new WAC chapter that will outline the licensing standards for kinship caregivers. This will allow for DCYF to issue child-specific licenses to kinship caregivers and eliminate the need to use nonsafety exemptions and waivers. This will reduce barriers and create better equity for kinship caregivers trying to become licensed. These updates will also provide greater stability and outcomes for children entering foster care.	24-08-062 Filed 3/29/24		
110-148-1305 110-148-1365	Licensing Requirements for Professional Therapeutic Foster Parents: DCYF is required to develop a contract and licensing category for professional therapeutic foster care (PTFC) according to the D.S. Settlement Agreement. The licensing division (LD) must update sections of chapter 110-148 WAC to satisfy this legal requirement. Currently, foster family home licensing rules do not allow foster care payments to be the sole income of a licensed foster family home. Accordingly, to meet the terms of the settlement agreement, LD must remove this barrier in licensing rules and add new language describing the existence, eligibility, and licensing requirements for professional therapeutic foster parents.	24-08-074 Filed 4/2/24		
110-148-1330 110-300-0425 110-300-0430	Licensing—Multi-Licensed Foster Care Family Home and Family Home Child Care License: Allowing a family home to be licensed for both foster care and child care.	22-09-054 Filed 4/18/22	24-14-136 Filed 7/2/24	

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110-300-0358	Capacity Waivers: Amending rules to resolve health and safety concerns that have been identified by childcare licensing staff, as well as a workgroup of representatives from local building and fire officials.	24-08-009 Filed 3/21/24		
Chapter 110-300 Chapter 110-301	Child Care and Early Learning Programs: Amending rules as a result of a petition for training requirements for health and safety, such as CPR and first aid.	23-17-105 Filed 8/16/23		
110-300-0331 110-301-0331 110-302-0331	Licensing—Prohibited behavior, discipline, and physical removal of children: Amending language to clarify child care providers from harming children. This rule requires an immediate and permanent change to the WAC chapters to protect children from harm.	24-08-010 Filed 3/21/24		
110-302-0160	Foundational Quality Standards for Outdoor Nature-Based Child Care: Amending rules to change subsection (3), which renames the curriculum to honor John McCoy.		Anticipated	
New chapter	Residential Private Schools: Amending rules to align with SB 5515 (2023) requiring DCYF to create new rules for licensing the residential component of residential private schools.		Anticipated CR-105	
110-01-0200 110-50-0170 110-60-0020 110-147-1305 110-147-1455 110-147-1470 110-147-1600 110-300-0005 110-300-0010 110-300-0120 110-300-0135 110-300-0180 110-300-0196 110-300-0215 110-300-0285 110-300-0291 110-300-0315 110-300-0345 110-300-0400 110-300-0450 110-700-0040 110-700-0045 110-710-0005 110-740-0010 110-740-0040 110-740-0060 110-740-0070	Gender-Neutral Pronouns: Amending several DCYF WAC to reflect gender-neutral pronouns. The WAC currently use he/she or his/her instead of they/them. Other minor housekeeping changes are also being made.		24-13-049 Filed 6/12/24	

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