

WAC 110-06-0010 Purpose and scope. (1) The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules for background checks conducted by the department of children, youth, and families (DCYF).

(2) The department conducts background checks on subject individuals who are authorized to:

(a) Care for or have unsupervised access to children receiving early learning services; or

(b) Care for children in the child's or provider's home. These providers, also known as family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) or in-home/relative care providers are exempt from licensing and receive working connections child care (WCCC) subsidies.

(3) The department conducts background checks to reduce the risk of harm to children from subject individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes or who pose a risk to children.

(4) The department's rules and state law require the evaluation of background information to determine the character, suitability, or competence of persons who will care for or have unsupervised access to children receiving early learning services or other agency authorized services.

(5) If any provision of this chapter conflicts with any provision in any chapter containing a substantive rule relating to background checks and qualifications of persons who are authorized to care for or have unsupervised access to children receiving early learning services, the provisions in this chapter shall govern.

(6) These rules implement chapters 43.216 and 43.43 RCW, including, but not limited to, DCYF responsibilities in RCW 43.216.260, 43.216.270 through 43.216.273, and 43.43.830 through 43.43.832.

(7) These rules are amended to allow for increased and continued portability of background check clearances for subject individuals who are authorized to care for or may have unsupervised access to children receiving early learning services.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055, 43.216.065, chapter 43.216 RCW and 42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.; 45 C.F.R. Part 98. WSR 19-01-111, § 110-06-0010, filed 12/18/18, effective 1/18/19. WSR 18-14-078, recodified as § 110-06-0010, filed 6/29/18, effective 7/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.070 and chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 15-24-040, § 170-06-0010, filed 11/20/15, effective 1/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.200, 43.215.205, 43.215.215 through 43.215.218, 43.43.830, 43.43.832, chapter 43.215 and 43.43 RCW, and 2011 c 295. WSR 12-12-040, § 170-06-0010, filed 5/30/12, effective 7/1/12. Statutory Authority: Chapter 43.215 RCW, RCW 43.43.832, 2006 c 265 and 2007 c 387. WSR 08-10-041, § 170-06-0010, filed 4/30/08, effective 5/31/08.]