

**WAC 110-16-0005 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

**"Benefit"** means a regular payment made by a government agency on behalf of a person eligible to receive it.

**"Child"** or **"children,"** except when otherwise specified, means a child or children eligible for WCCC benefits under chapter 110-15 WAC.

**"Days"** means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

**"Department"** or **"DCYF"** means the department of children, youth, and families.

**"In-home/relative provider"** or **"family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) provider"** means an individual who is exempt from child care licensing requirements and is approved for WCCC payments under WAC 110-15-0125. Reference in this chapter to the term "provider" means an in-home/relative or FFN provider, except when otherwise specified.

**"In loco parentis"** means the adult caring for a child eligible for WCCC in the absence of the biological adoptive, or step-parents, and who is not a relative, court-ordered guardian, or custodian, and who is responsible for exercising day-to-day care and control of the child.

**"Infant"** is a child birth through 11 months of age.

**"Lockdown"** or **"shelter-in-place"** means to remain inside the home when police or an official emergency response agency notifies a provider that it is unsafe to leave or be outdoors during an emergency situation.

**"Parent"** means, for the purposes of this chapter, the "in loco parentis" or the biological, adoptive, or step-parent, court-ordered guardian, or custodian eligible for WCCC benefits under this chapter.

**"State plan"** means the DCYF child care and development fund plan submitted by DCYF that must be approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**"Subsidy payment begin date"** means the first day a provider is authorized to start billing for care provided to eligible children.

**"Supervise"** or **"supervision"** means a provider must be able to see or hear the children they are responsible for at all times. Providers must use their knowledge of each child's development and behavior to anticipate what may occur to prevent unsafe or unhealthy events or conduct, or to intervene in such circumstances as soon as possible. Providers must also reposition themselves or the children to be aware of where children are and what they are doing during care. Providers must reassess and adjust their supervision each time child care activities change.

**"Swimming pool"** means a pool that has a water depth greater than two feet.

**"Technical assistance"** means the provision of customized supports to develop or strengthen processes, knowledge application, or implementation of services by providers.

**"Toddler"** means a child 12 months through 29 months of age.

**"Wading pool"** means a pool that has a water depth of less than two feet. A portable wading pool is one that is formed of molded plastic or inflatable parts and can be removed after use.

**"Waiver"** is an official approval by the department allowing an FFN provider not to meet or satisfy a rule in this chapter due to specific needs of a child who is in the FFN provider's care.

**"Water activities"** refers to the activities in which children in care swim or play in a body of water that poses a risk of drowning for children.

"WCCC" means the working connections child care program, a child care subsidy program available to eligible families to help pay for child care.

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