

**WSR 21-15-012**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Working connections and seasonal child care subsidy programs: The department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) plans to implement 2021 session laws and budget provisions, as well as collective bargaining agreements entered into with family home child cares. Subjects include monthly rate authorizations for family home child cares; increased base rates for licensed and family, friend, and neighbor child care providers; field trip reimbursements for family, friend, and neighbor child care providers; eligibility changes for certain full-time student parents and families experiencing homelessness; and new time periods in which family homes must produce requested documents and correct payments.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rules are necessary to set base rates as directed by the legislature, incorporate collective bargaining agreements into existing rules, and make existing rules consistent with 2021 session laws.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Administration for Children and Families regulates this subject and DCYF consults with that agency when necessary to ensure its rules are consistent with federal requirements.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Toni Sebastian, P.O. Box 40970, Olympia, WA 98504-0970, phone 206-200-0824, email [toni.sebastian@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:toni.sebastian@dcyf.wa.gov), website <https://dcyf.wa.gov/>.

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