

WSR 23-12-039

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The proposed new rule clarifies who is eligible to receive support from the department for trauma-informed child care and how recipients may use the trauma-informed care supports. The anticipated effect is that child care [centers] will be better positioned to screen for and assess the needs of children in their care, better compensate staff who have early childhood mental health or other department-approved credentials, access trauma-informed care professional development and training, and access supportive services for children with complex needs.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 110-15-0211.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.216.590.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-08-061 on April 3, 2023.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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OTS-4270.2NEW SECTION

WAC 110-15-0211 Trauma-informed care supports. (1) Subject to available funds, DCYF will provide trauma-informed care support to aid eligible providers. For the purposes of this section, "eligible providers" means:

(a) An employee or owner of a licensed or certified child care center or outdoor nature-based program that accepts WCCC or SCC payments;

(b) An employee or owner of a licensed family home child care provider that accepts WCCC or SCC payments;

(c) A contractor or provider of the early childhood education and assistance program or birth to three early childhood education and assistance program;

(d) A license-exempt family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) provider accepting subsidy; or

(e) An early achievers coach.

(2) Trauma-informed care supports may be used by eligible providers for the following purposes:

(a) Additional compensation for individual staff who have a DCYF-approved infant and early childhood mental health credential or other DCYF-approved child development specialty credential;

(b) The purchase of screening tools, assessment materials, and relevant training associated with the use of such screening tools and assessment materials;

(c) Trauma-informed professional development and training;

(d) Supportive services for children with complex needs that are offered as fee-for-service within local communities; or

(e) Other expenses related to trauma-informed care.

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