WSR 21-01-032 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES [Filed December 7, 2020, 9:23 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Licensing requirements for group care facilities.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.43.832, 74.13.031, and 74.15.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Stakeholders requested a review of the education and professional development requirements for certain staff positions within licensed programs.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative; the department will conduct focus groups comprised of impacted parties to inform rule development and comments about draft rules will be solicited from the focus group participants as well as the regulated community.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting department of children, youth, and families, rules coordinator, email dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov, website https:// del.wa.gov/PolicyProposalComment/Detail.aspx.

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