

WSR 23-17-105
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) is updating rules in Title 110 WAC concerning training requirements for health and safety topics in child care and early learning programs, including requirements concerning first aid and CPR certification. Revisions will be made to chapters 110-300 and 110-301 WAC, and other related rules. These changes are being taken pursuant to a petition received by the agency on July 13, 2023.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 43.216 RCW; RCW 43.216.020, 43.216.250; chapter 42.56 RCW; 42 U.S.C. §§ 9857 - 9858r, and 45 C.F.R. part 98.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: On July 13, 2023, DCYF received a petition from a child care center representative asking the agency to update health and safety training rules and requirements in Title 110 WAC. Rules on this subject detail requirements for licensed child care and early learning providers throughout Washington state. Accordingly, a change to these rules is the only way to amend licensing requirements concerning health and safety training.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DCYF is and will continue to collaborate with the appropriate representatives for center, family home, and school age child care and early learning programs via identifying stakeholders, developing a negotiated rule-making process, and developing a timeline to implement any new requirements that come from this rule change.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making and collaboration between DCYF, the attorney general's office, relevant child care unions and associations, and other stakeholder groups and partners identified throughout the rule development, negotiated rule making, and public hearing processes.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ann Radcliffe, phone 253-341-2325, email ann.radcliffe@dcyf.wa.gov.

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