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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 110-148-1305 What definitions do I need to know to understand this chapter? and 110-148-1365 What are the personal requirements for foster parents?; other related rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 34.05.220, 43.216.020, and 43.216.065.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) is required to develop a contract and licensing category for professional therapeutic foster care according to the D.S. Settlement Agreement. The licensing division (LD) must update sections of chapter 110-148 WAC to satisfy this legal requirement. Currently, foster family home licensing rules do not allow foster care payments to be the sole income of a licensed foster family home. Accordingly, to meet the terms of the settlement agreement, LD must remove this barrier in licensing rules and add new language describing the existence, eligibility, and licensing requirements for professional therapeutic foster parents.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

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 Joelle Leisure, 1949 South State Street, Tacoma, WA 98405, phone 253-533-0045, email joelle.leisure@dcyf.wa.gov, website www.dcyf.wa.gov; or Michael Williams, 1500 Jefferson Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, phone 360-688-0195, email michael.williams2@dcyf.wa.gov, website www.dcyf.wa.gov.

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