



Washington State Department of  
**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

Licensed Center Advisory Subcommittee (LCAS) of the  
Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

**Feedback Loop**

August 12, 2019

**LCAS Recommendations/Input and Decisions Made/Status**

**Follow Up Items from previous ELAC Meetings**

**May 14, 2019 Meeting**

Infant Nurse Consultation

Will there be a virtual nurse option in the future?

- That is a great question! I do not have a mechanism for that at this point. The infant nurse visits could not be completed via telehealth visits as the purpose of the visit is to be in the environment, but there are definitely reasons and best practice standards that could be met, while also taking some of the burden off of the visiting nurses if we could provide some sort of virtual nursing consultation. I will add it to my list of trying to figure out how we could both mechanically and physically incorporate this type of service. Thank you for the suggestion!

*Project Update:* The team will be creating a webpage on the DCYF website that will allow providers and licensors to be able to access a static list of nurses that will be updated on the back end. The nurses will also have the ability to report on their visits through the same location. This is a short-term fix that will be evolving over time, but will allow us to meet the WAC and also gather some data to allow for a more robust and informed system to be created. I am still having trouble finding all of the nurses who are currently doing this work across the state and would love the center director's help with that. If you have a nurse consultant, please send me their information or ask them to contact me. Even if they are not interested in taking on more centers, I would like to ensure that your nurse has the information they need to be able to complete the reporting requirements of the WAC. Thank you!

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Secretary's List of Disqualifying Crimes

After the initial DCYF Secretary's List meetings, the Agency concluded that the ask to identify and agree on a list of crimes and how to assess an individual's criminal and negative action histories was quite large and could not be achieved in three meetings. The decision was made to pause and get more information from the Office of the Attorney General about the crimes and how they relate to child safety, and focus more on the criteria the Department should be focused on when assessing an individual's suitability. The assessment must take into consideration the individual's history and successes, as well as the disproportionate outcome of their history.

We are regrouping to make sure we do this right. The third meeting was not our last and we intend to have a fourth meeting in August (date TBH). In that time, we hope to have better direction from our attorneys and leadership so we can focus on a list and process that is tied to child safety while recognizing positive change of individual's with history.

Communication will be going out to the DCYF Secretary's List participants soon with next steps. In the meantime, based on the feedback provided by stakeholders, you will find the attached Proposed DCYF Secretary's List showing only the federal crimes and a comparison of these federal crimes and the current Secretary's List to show what will change. Also include is a list of the current disqualifying crimes for each DCYF program; child welfare, early learning and juvenile rehabilitation. Again, this is only based on the federal crimes. There may be additional crimes added that may relate directly to child safety based on the workgroup's recommendation and leadership's decision.



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## DCYF Vaccine Requirements

In May 2019, Gov. Jay Inslee signed Engrossed House Bill 1638. The law removes the option for a personal or philosophical exemption to the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine requirement for schools and child care facilities. It also requires employees and volunteers at child care centers to provide immunization records indicating they have received the MMR vaccine or proof of immunity. The new law took effect on July 28, 2019.

**Based on this new law, employees and volunteers were required to provide one of the following to us by July 28, 2019:**

- An immunization record indicating they have received at least one dose of MMR vaccination.
- Lab evidence of immunity to measles disease (also known as a blood test or titer).
- Documentation from a health care provider that they have had measles disease sufficient to provide immunity against measles.
- Written certification signed by a health care practitioner licensed in Washington State—a medical doctor (MD), naturopathic doctor (ND), osteopathic doctor (DO), advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), or a physician's assistant (PA)—that the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine is, in the practitioner's judgment, not advisable for them.

You can find more information on the Washington State Department of Health exemption law change webpage, including FAQs: [www.doh.wa.gov/mmrexemption](http://www.doh.wa.gov/mmrexemption).

You can find a recording of the Implementing Immunization Bill Webinar that took place on August 5, 2019 on the [DCYF website](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov) (<https://wadcyf.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/wadcyf/recording/playback/c066d9005d2d4a51be6a93035b89f76a>).

*Implementing Immunization Bill*  
WAC 110-300 Updates Webinar  
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## **Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)**

Status Update – The Early Learning Advisory Council met on June 4, 2019 where members discussed topics including ECEAP, Background Checks, Secretary's List of Disqualifying Crimes, and the Preschool Development Grant. The next in person meeting will be on August 13, 2019.

To learn more about the Early Learning Advisory Council, please visit:

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/about/government-community/advisory/lcas>

For more information, please contact the Community Engagement Team at [dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov).

## **Early Achievers Review Subcommittee (EARS) of ELAC**

Status Update – The Early Achievers Review Subcommittee (EARS) met on May 21, 2019 where members discussed topics including Reframing Records Review, Early Achievers Joint Select Committee Recommendations and the Early Start Act Report. The next meeting will be on August 20, 2019.

To learn more about the Early Achievers Review Subcommittee please visit:

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/about/government-community/advisory/ears>

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