

# Foster Care WAC 110-148 Non-Negotiable

## Purpose & Definitions

### **WAC 110-148-1300: What is the purpose of this chapter?**

- Section (2) definition of “abuse and neglect” per RCW 26.44.020 & WAC 110-30

### **WAC 110-148-1305: What definitions do I need to know to understand this chapter?**

- Definition of “abuse or neglect” per RCW 26.44.020
- Definition of Agency per RCW 74.15.020 (1)

## Licensing Process

### **WAC 110-148-1310: Am I required to have a license to provide care to children?**

- Exceptions for license to provide care to children per RCW 74.15.020, RCW 20.10, RCW 13.34.065

### **WAC 110-148-1320: When will the department grant me a foster family license?**

- Section (2) Caregivers must be over 21\* per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Eligibility – Threshold Requirements (a) (i)  
Section (2) (a) First Aid & CPR per FFPSA: Training  
Section (2) (b) Bloodborne pathogens per FFPSA: Training  
Section (3) Household background checks per FFPSA Foster Family Home Eligibility Background Checks (c)(i)
- Section (3) Household background checks per WAC 110-04-0040  
Section (5) Child household immunizations per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Eligibility – Physical and Mental Health (b) (iv)
- Section (5) Child household immunizations per WAC 246-105-030
- Section (6) (a) Pertussis and influenza immunizations for children under age two per Foster Family Home Eligibility – Physical and Mental Health (b) (v)
- Section (6) (b) Pertussis and influenza immunizations for medically fragile per Foster Family Home Eligibility – Physical and Mental Health (b) (v) Section (6) (b) Definition of medically fragile per WAC 110-148-1305
- Section (7) Assess ability to provide safe home and per multiple FFPSA requirements
- Section (7) Assess quality care to children in home per multiple FFPSA requirements
- Section (7) Training per FFPSA: Training



**WAC 110-148-1326: Can I get a license to care for a specific child, and what are the requirements?**

- Section (1) Definition of child-specific license per RCW 74.15.125(7) & RCW 13.36.020
- Section (4) License requirements per RCW 74.15.030(2)
- Section (5) (b) Juvenile court proceedings under chapter 13.34 RCW

**WAC 110-148-1360: When may I be certified to provide care to children?**

- Exempt from needing a license per RCW 74.15
- Licensed by authority of Indian tribe per RCW 74.15.190

## Qualifications

**WAC 110-148-1375: What training am I required to have before I become licensed?**

- Section 2 (A) First Aid per FFPSA: Training
- Section 2 (b) Age-appropriate CPR per FFPSA: Training
- Section 2 (c) Bloodborne pathogens per FFPSA: Training

**WAC 110-148-1385: How do you decide the capacity for my home?**

- (3) (a) Developmental disabilities per RCW 71A.10.020

**WAC 110-148-1390: Can I accept children outside the limitations of my license?**

- Section (2) Capacity must not exceed 6 per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Capacity (c)
- Section (2) (a) Parenting youths to remain with their children per FFPSA Foster Family Home Capacity (C) (a)
- Section (2) (b) Siblings to remain together per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Capacity (C) (b)
- Section (2) (c) Maintaining meaningful relationship per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Capacity (C) (c)
- Section (2) (d) Necessary training/skills provided to severe disability per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Capacity (C) (d)

**WAC 110-148-1395: Do I have to admit or retain all children?**

- Right to decline placement RCW 49.60

## Managing Records and Reporting

### **WAC 110-148-1420: What incidents involving children must I report?**

- Suspicion or disclosure of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation of child per RWC 26.44

### **WAC 110-148-1430: What are other reporting requirements?**

- Section (1) Notification prior to moving to a new location and continuation of license per RCW 74.15.100

### **WAC 110-148-1440: What are the requirements for my home and property?**

- Section (1) Home location must be a fixed location per RCW 74.15.100
- Section (2) Adequate indoor space & ventilation per Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Living Space (A) (iv)
- Section (2) Toilet and bathing per Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Living Space (A) (iii)
- Section (3) (a) Sink per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Living Space (A) (ii)
- Section (3) (b) Refrigerator per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Living Space (A) (ii)
- Section (3) (c) Stove per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Living Space (A) (ii)
- Section (3) (d) Oven per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Living Space (A) (ii)
- Section (4) (b) Free from pests, rodents, etc. per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (ii)
- Section (5) Toxic materials out of reach per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (vi)
- Section (9) Plan for hazardous materials per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (vi)

### **WAC 110-148-1445: What are the requirements for water, garbage, and sewer in my home?**

- Section (1) Proper trash and recycling disposal per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (i)
- Section (3) Proper water temperature per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (iii)

### **WAC 110-148-1450: What are the requirements of my household equipment and hardware?**

- Section (3) List of emergency phone numbers, poison control per FFPSA Emergency Prep, Fire Safety, & Evacuation Plans (B) (f)

**WAC 110-148-1455: How must I keep children safe around bodies of water?**

- Section (1) (a) (i) Swimming pools fenced per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B)(vii)(1)
- Section (1) (a) (i) Locking gate per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (vii) (2)
- Section (1) (b) Lock hot tub when not in use FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (vii) (5)
- Section (1) (d) Lifesaving device per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (B) (vii) (3)
- Section (1) (e) Emptied after each use, if not able to, must have working pump & filter per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health & Safety- Conditions of the Home (b) (vii) (4)

**WAC 148-1460: How do I prepare for a natural disaster or emergency:**

- Section (1) You must develop an evacuation plan per FFPSA: Emergency Prep, Fire Safety, and Evacuation Plans (E) (e)
- Section (1) State and local fire codes per WAC 212-12-005
- Section (1) (d) Your plan must be reviewed with children and posted in prominent place in home per FFPSA: Emergency Prep, Fire Safety, & Evacuation Plans (E) (e)

**WAC 110-148-1465: What other emergency fire and safety requirements must I follow to become licensed?**

- Section (1) Observed all state & local fire code per WAC 212-12-005
- Section (6) At least one smoke detector on each level of home near all sleeping areas per FFPSA: Emergency Prep, Fire Safety, & Evacuation Plans (E) (a)
- Section (7) One smoke detector near each sleeping area per FFPSA: Emergency Prep, Fire Safety, & Evacuation Plans (E) (b)
- Section (8) At least one fire extinguisher per FFPSA: Emergency Prep, Fire Safety, & Evacuation Plans (E) (c)

**WAC 110-148-1470: What are the general requirements for bedrooms?**

- Section (1) Appropriate for child's developmental needs per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Sleeping Arrangements (d)
- Section (6) Clean bedding and a mattress per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Sleeping Arrangements (d)
- Section (9) Infant crib safety standards per RCW 70.111
- Section (10) No co-sleep or bedshare per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Sleeping Arrangements (d)

**WAC 110-148-1480: What are the requirements for animals?**

- Section (2) Pets are vaccinated per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health and Safety-Condition of Home (E) (v)
- Section (2) Dog, cat, ferret must be vaccinated and revaccinated per WAC 246-100-197

**WAC 110-148-1485: Under what conditions may I have alcoholic beverages or marijuana?**

- Alcohol & marijuana not accessible per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health and Safety-Condition of Home (B) (vi)

**WAC 110-148-1490: May I have illegal drugs on my property?**

- No illegal substances per FFPSA: Foster Parent Assurances (H)(b)

**WAC 110-148-1495: What are the requirements for smoking around children?**

- Section (2) No smoking in foster family home or vehicle per FFPSA Foster Family Assurances (H)(c)
- Section (2) Smoking outside of public areas per RCW 70.160.075

**WAC 110-148-1500: Under what conditions may I have guns and weapons on my property?**

- Section (2) Ammunition and guns per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health and Safety-Condition of Home (B) (iv)
- Section (3) Weapons inaccessible to children FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health and Safety- Condition of Home (B) (iv)

**WAC 110-148-1510: What requirements do I need to follow when I transport children?**

- Section (1) Safe operating condition per FFPSA: Transportation
- Section (2) Valid driving license per FFPSA: Transportation
- Section (3) Liability insurance and vehicle registration per FFPSA: Transportation
- Section (4) Appropriate safety restraints per FFPSA: Transportation

## Services to Children

**WAC 110-148-1520: What services am I expected to provide for children in my care?**

- Section (1) Ensure children are not abused or neglected per RCW 26.44.020 & WAC Chapter 110-30

**WAC 110-148-1550: What medical and dental care must I provide to children?**

- Section (7) First aid-supplies per FFPSA: Emergency Prep, Fire Safety, & Evacuation Plans (E) (g)

**WAC 110-148-1565: How must medication be saved?**

- Section (1) Child access prevention to medication per FFPSA: Foster Family Home Health and Safety- Condition of Home (B) (iv)

**Behavior Management**

**WAC 110-148-1615: What are the requirements for disciplining children?**

- Section (4) (a) (b) (c) (d) per FFPSA: Foster Parent Assurances (H) (b)

**WAC 110-148-1625: Will you license or continue to license me if I violate licensing requirements?**

- Section (3) Jurisdiction of all foster home licenses and over holders/applicants per RCW 74.15.030

**WAC 110-148-1635: Can people living in my home be disqualified from having access to the children in my care?**

- Section (1) Disqualification due to background checks per 110-04 WAC

**WAC 110-148-1645: What may I do if I disagree with your decision to modify, deny, suspend, or revoke my license, or to disqualify my background check?**

- Administrative hearing per RCW 34.05 and WAC 110-03

**WAC 110-148-1650: How do I appeal the decision of the office of administrative hearings' administrative law judge?**

- Section (2) Petition for review with board of appeals described in WAC 110-03-0510 through 110-030-0530