

Child Care Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Changes

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Agenda

Which rules are changing in 2025, and why?

Tribal input is respectfully requested

Process of changing WACs

Next steps

Tribal Child Care Facilities

LICENSED	CERTIFIED
Family home child care: 0	Family home child care: 0
Center-based child care: 5	Center-based child care: 6
Outdoor nature-based child care: 0	Outdoor nature-based child care: 0



Which WACs are changing, and why?

Section and title (using 110-300 as example)	FH & Centers	School-Age	ONB	Summary/reason for change
110-300-0100 General Staff Qualifications	X	X	X	Clarifies requirement dates for certificates; clarifies what regular, ongoing volunteers must complete (e.g., background check)
110-300-0125 (Brought back from 170) Character, Competence, and Suitability	X	X		This WAC was included in the ONB chapter and will now be added back in the other two chapters. It assists licensing staff in assessing a person's character, including professional evaluations

Which WACs are changing, and why? (cont.)

Section and title (using 110-300 as example)	FH & Centers	School-Age	ONB	Summary/reason for change
110-300-0196 Food Sources	X	X	X	Aligns compliance with Department of Health food service and establishes rules to protect traditional foods used by tribes.
110-300-0345 Supervising Children	X	X	X	Clarifies supervision requirement to not allow children in unlicensed space during business hours. Clarifies staff “undertaking other activities allowed for temporary time periods.”

Which WACs are changing, and why? (cont.)

Section and title (using 110-300 as example)	FH & Centers	School-Age	ONB	Summary/reason for change
110-300-0400 Application Materials	X	X	X	Allows an exception for retaking orientation if applicant has already attended and has continuously worked in child care. Clarifies smelter plume requirement to those areas identified on WA Department of Ecology website.
110-300-0410 Licensing and Program Location	X	X	X	Clarifies smelter plume requirement to those areas identified on the WA Department of Ecology website. Clarifies the need for provider to contact Department of Ecology for those areas identified.
110-300-0465 Retaining Facility and Program Records	X	X	X	Clarifies the smelter plume areas (keeping the inspection records available, if applicable)

We ask for your input as we begin drafting changes

- No other groups have given their revision ideas yet
- Please see the attached WAC sections with suggested wording in red
- You are welcome to add your thoughts/comments in track changes on these documents and return them to us



A few other notes

- Negotiated Rule Making (NRM)
- We are only changing this limited number of WACs at this time (not the entire chapter of WACs)
- Tribes are our **partners**, not stakeholders
- Updates will be given all along the way!

**These WAC changes are not expected to go into effect
until the last part of 2025**

Process of Changing WACs

- CR-101 Notice of Intent
- Negotiated Rule Making Process – virtual webinar(s) where you can listen and give input
- CR-102 Proposed Rule-Making Notice
- CR-103P Rulemaking Order
- DCYF Rules Website – see “Rule Making” link at the bottom of the DCYF Website
- Subscribe (see link below)



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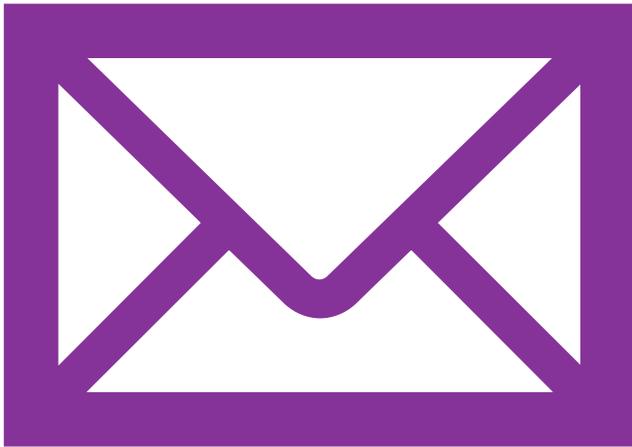
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Next Steps

- Does our suggested WAC language meet your needs?
- Do we need to make additional revisions?
- Do you have any questions or concerns?
 - ALL comments are welcome! Positive or negative!
 - You will have many ways to give input (webinars, email, phone, etc.)

Thank you!



Please send any comments/track changes on the documents to one of the following:

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