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POLICY AND RULE MEMO

July 1, 2025

TO: Department of Children, Youth, and Families employees

FROM: Jenny Heddin, Chief Programming Officer and
Interim Assistant Secretary for Juvenile Rehabilitation

SUBJECT: [5.91 Reporting Abuse or Neglect of JR Youth](#) policy
WACs [110-30-0020](#), [110-30-0030](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

REVIEW DATE: July 1, 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance to Juvenile Rehabilitation Division (JRD) employees on the new requirements from Senate Bills (SB) [6006](#) and [5453](#) and other federal requirements which expanded the definitions of “abuse or neglect” in [RCW 26.44.020](#).

The rules, policies, and procedures are in the process of being updated. This memo and the emergency rule are effective July 1, 2025. All other requirements within these policies and rules remain in effect.

New Requirements

RCW and WAC

The following changes to RCW and WAC impact the policies below:

- The definition for abuse or neglect has changed in [RCW 26.44.020](#) and now includes:
 - Female genital mutilation (FGM)
 - Sex trafficking
 - Severe forms of trafficking
- WAC 110-30-0030 Child Abuse and Neglect has been retitled “Abuse or Neglect of

Children and Youth,” and has been updated to include the following definitions:

- FGM to the subsections of “physical abuse” and “negligent treatment or maltreatment.”
- Sex trafficking and severe forms of trafficking, also known as labor trafficking.

Policy

Reporting Abuse or Neglect of JR Youth Policy

JRD employees must report the following incidents to DCYF Intake when there is suspicion youth are a victim of:

- FGM
- Sex trafficking
- Severe forms of trafficking in persons, as outlined in [RCW 26.44.020](#)

Questions

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