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TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Joelle Leisure, Regional Licensing Policy Program Manager
SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR 24-15-091 on July 19, 2024:

New: WAC 110-148-1366, 110-148-1367, 110-148-1368

Amended: WAC 110-50-0420, 110-80-0030, 110-145-1305, 110-148-1305, 110-148-1365, 110-148-1370

REASON FOR ADOPTION: The DS Settlement required DCYF to develop and implement a contract and a new type of foster home for Professional Therapeutic Foster Care (PTFC). This foster home category will support children and their immediate families is not possible due to the child's developmental disabilities or behavioral health needs.

Children and youth with significant behavioral health needs and developmental disabilities have experienced high levels of placement instability, more restrictive placements, and longer lengths of stay in group care because the current Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS) therapeutic homes are not able to meet their needs. PTFC can provide youth stability, offer immediate family members and kinship caregivers support, and encourage connection to help safely reunify families.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES MADE SINCE THE RULE WAS PROPOSED: None.

No comments about the proposed rules were received.

cc: DCYF Rules Coordinator