



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Ann Radcliffe, Licensing Division Policy and Change Management Program Supervisor

SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR 24-22-108 on November 4, 2024:

Amended: WAC 110-300-0358, 110-300-0106, and 110-301-0106

REASON FOR ADOPTION:

The Licensing Divisions is amending:

- WAC 110-300-0106 and WAC 110-301-0106 to update the health and safety training requirements. The language amended allows a three-month timeframe to obtain training requirements for child care and early learning programs, specifically including first-aid and CPR certification.
- WAC 110-300-0358 to align with the State Building Code WAC 51-51-0331, which limits the capacity of a family home child care to no more than 16 children.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES MADE SINCE THE RULE WAS PROPOSED: None.

COMMENT RECEIVED	THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED ALL THE COMMENTS. THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMENTS, OR THE REASONS NO ACTIONS WERE TAKEN, FOLLOW.
<p>DCYF received one comment for the proposed rules.</p> <p>We have 14 P-5 elementary schools in Bellevue now and are moving to full inclusion in our preschool to allow for equitable access for all 3- and 5-year-olds. One of the huge barriers both financially and timewise is licensing requirements that although slightly different are repetitive in nature to what K-5 requirements are. One example is background checks. OSPI has one system and DCYF another so preschool staff must do both.</p>	<p>No action taken.</p> <p>DCYF and OSPI are separate entities and governed by different statutes. For their requirements to align, statute changes would be needed and that is out of scope for this project.</p>

If we are truly trying to provide preschool access for all kids, please find a way to make preschool in school district buildings match K-5.	
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This document also serves as the summary of public hearing comments to the agency head required under RCW 34.05.325(4).

cc: DCYF Rules Coordinator