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SUBJECT: DCYF Semi-Annual Rule Making Agenda, January 1 – June 30, 2025

Below is the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) semi-annual rule-making agenda for January 1 through June 30, 2025. This agenda will be published in the Washington State Register as required in RCW 34.05.314 and distributed to interested parties. It is also available on the DCYF Rule Making webpage.

This agenda represents DCYF rule making that is anticipated or currently under development. There may be additional rule making activities needed to implement legislative actions, comply with federal mandates, or meet unforeseen circumstances.

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DCYF Semi-Annual Rule Making Agenda January 1 –June 30, 2025

WAC Sections	Subject Matter	CR-101 Filings	CR-102 or CR-105 Filings	CR-103E Filings
Chapter 110-15	Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care (WCCC): Housekeeping edits.	24-15-069 Filed 7/17/24		
Chapter 110-16	Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFN): Amending rules to clarify requirements for FFN providers providing care for children getting services through the WCCC Subsidy Program.	24-07-041 Filed 3/13/24		
110-50-0900 through 110-50-0970 110-50-1000 through 110-50-1090	Foster Parent Liability Fund and Property Damage Reimbursement: Amending rules to correct the address for submitting reimbursement forms, allow for reimbursement to unlicensed caregivers, and increase the reimbursement limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000.	24-13-013 Filed 6/6/24		
Chapter 110-90	Extended Foster Care: Amending the Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program rules in chapter 110- 90 WAC and other related rules as required by Senate Bill (SB) 5908, which took effect June 6, 2024. These changes will reduce systemic barriers to youth who are dependent at the age of 18 and voluntarily enroll in the EFC program by eliminating the federal eligibility requirements.	24-13-011 Filed 6/6/24		24-21-014 Filed 10/3/24
Chapter 110-145	Group Care: Amending rules to be more developmentally and culturally appropriate and flexible to meet individual child's and youth's needs. Additionally, the project will allow DCYF to best determine how these licensing WACs can better accommodate the most relevant and beneficial programming and settings as possible, all while maintaining minimum health and safety standards. WAC changes will be made using negotiated rule making.	24-11-084 Filed 5/16/24		
Chapter 110-148	Foster Care: Amending rules to be more developmentally and culturally appropriate and flexible to meet individual child's and youth's needs. WAC changes will be made using negotiated rule making.	24-19-029 Filed 9/9/24		
New chapter 110-149 110-148-1326 110-50-0165 110-50-0170 110-50-0180	Licensing Standards for Kinship Caregivers: Amending rules to remove child-specific items to accommodate a new WAC chapter that will outline the licensing standards for kinship caregivers. This will allow for DCYF to issue child-specific licenses to kinship caregivers and	24-08-062 Filed 3/29/24	25-01-091 Filed 12/13/24	

110-50-0190	eliminate the need to use non-safety		
	exemptions and waivers. This will reduce		
	barriers and create better equity for kinship		
	caregivers trying to become licensed. These		
	updates will also provide greater stability and		
	outcomes for children entering foster care.		
Chapter 110-300	Foundational Quality Standards:	Anticipated	
Chapter 110-301	Amending selected sections of	·	
Chapter 110-302	chapter 110-300 WAC Foundational		
	Quality Standards for Early Learning		
	Programs; chapter 110-301 WAC		
	Foundational Quality Standards for		
	School-Age Programs; and chapter		
	110-302 WAC Foundational Quality		
	Standards for Outdoor Nature- Based		
	Child Care. The current WAC wording		
	is a source of confusion, extra work,		
	and frustration for both licensing staff		
	and the child care provider		
	communities that DCYF serves. In		
	addition, it has resulted in an inability		
	to maintain healthy boundaries for		
	children, families, providers and DCYF.		
	Other types of fixes require more		
	repetitive maintenance.		
New chapter	Residential Private Schools: Senate Bill 5515	24-24-099	
110-146	(2023) requires DCYF to create new rules for	Filed 12/3/24	
	licensing the residential component of		
	Residential Private Schools (RPS).		