



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)

Subject of possible rule making:

Chapter 110-300 WAC Foundational quality standards for early learning programs.

Chapter 110-301 WAC Foundational quality standards for school-age programs.

Chapter 110-302 WAC Foundational quality standards for outdoor nature-based child care.

Other related rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 43.216 RCW, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1648, Substitute Senate Bill 5545.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The Licensing Division is revising existing rules and creating new rules to clarify confusion and eliminate unnecessary tasks for both licensing staff and the child care provider communities serviced by DCYF. Planned revisions include, but are not limited to:

- New and revised definitions.
- Changing references from "outdoor nature-based" programs to "early learning" programs.
- Clarifying language for exit doors and pathways, non-prescription medication, immunization, tribal child care and traditional foods, etc.
- Information about working with the Department of Ecology arsenic and lead soil contamination.
- Additions regarding providers who are not offering care and what to do with their licenses.
- Revisions based on Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1648 relating to child care provider qualifications.
- Revisions based on Substitute Senate Bill 5545 relating to modifying provisions regarding family home providers overseen and certified by a federal military service.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: N/A


Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☒ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Collaborative

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