



Multi-Licensing

What is DCYF's vision?

DCYF wants to bring services together so all children and youth in Washington grow up safe and healthy, are thriving physically, emotionally, and academically, and are nurtured by family and community.

What is Multi-Licensing?

Multi-Licensing is the approval of a licensee to hold more than one out-of-home care license, i.e., family home foster care license and one or more licensed or certified child care licenses.

Multi-Licensing removes barriers, making it easier for families to operate both as a foster care and child care provider. Families with multiple DCYF licenses can provide seamless and continuous care and support to children and youth.

How does it work?

- Contact the DCYF Welcome box at dcyf.welcome@dcyf.wa.gov to find out more information and the licensing process.
- Early and ongoing technical assistance is available from pre-service training and application, through licensing and maintenance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- See Washington Administrative Code (WAC) updates:
 - 110-148-1330: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=110-148-1330>
 - 110-300-0425: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=110-300-0425>
 - 110-300-0430: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=110-300-0430>
- You may hold both a community foster care or kinship care license at the same time as a child care license.
- Foster Care families licensed through Child Placing Agencies (CPAs) have the same option to hold multiple licenses.
- A qualifying licensee may receive the monthly foster care reimbursements and subsidized child welfare child care payments.
- The maximum number of children in a licensed foster home is six children in a home licensed with two caregivers; or four children in a home licensed with one caregiver. This includes your own children under the age of 18 and children in foster or respite care.
- Child care maximum capacity depends on the size of your space, staffing, education and training, and other factors.
- Each license is independent. A licensee can choose to close one license and keep others open.

INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?

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