



Provider Supports Subcommittee of the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

Agency Updates

Date: May 21, 2025

Community Child Care Conversations

Community Child Care Conversations are currently paused, but sessions will resume in July 2025 with in-person events scheduled in Pasco, offered in both English and Spanish. Direct invitations will be emailed to all licensed providers in the Tri-Cities area. The [Community Child Care Conversations webpage](#) will also be updated with session details and information on the benefits of attending Conversations in your own region. For immediate provider support, please contact your licensor or email us at dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov.

The 2024 Summary Report is now available. The report captures the key insights, statewide trends, and provider feedback gathered during the forums. It also outlines actionable steps DCYF plans to take in response to the information received, reinforcing our commitment to continuous improvement and collaboration. View full report here:

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/reports/Community-Child-Care-Forums-Summary-Report-2024.pdf>

New DCYF Fingerprinting Services Coming Soon

In response to community and staff feedback—and with support from recent legislation—DCYF is expanding access to fingerprinting services in select rural offices.

Starting next week, services will be available by appointment for DCYF and DSHS applicants at the following locations:

- **Goldendale** (Region 2): 808 S Columbus St – begins **April 23**
- **Port Townsend** (Region 6): 2507 Evans Vista – begins **April 30**
- **Colfax** (Region 1): 418 S Main, Suite 2 – begins **May 1**

Appointments must be scheduled through the Idemia system after background check approval. Questions? Contact Ann Lemieux at ann.lemieux@dcyf.wa.gov. Read [full message here](#).

Updates from the Early Learning Division

For the most recent updates from the Early Learning Division, read May's ECE's newsletter. It

includes information on:

- WAC Updates/Licenses
- Early Achievers Updates
- Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Resources
- Upcoming events/celebrations
- And much more!

Link to newsletter: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADEL/bulletins/3dcf960>

Rule Making Updates

Recently Completed Rules

Extended Foster Care Program

Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) filed WSR # 25-10-016 to finalize rules for the Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program as required in Senate Bill 5908. The amendments will reduce systemic barriers by eliminating the federal eligibility requirements for youth who are dependent at the age of 18 and voluntarily enroll in the EFC program.

Rules Under Development

Placement of Juvenile Offenders Committed to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Division

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Juvenile Rehabilitation Division (JRD) is updating the process to assign security classifications to youth in JR facilities. JRD will provide further clarity to current security classifications and add additional classifications as needed for increased safety and to reduce incidents.

The notice of intent for this rulemaking was filed under WSR 25-09-075.

Adoption Support Program

DCYF, Partnership, Prevention, and Services (PPS) Division is revising Chapter 110-80 WAC Adoption Support. These revisions will reflect federal law requirements which prohibits states from granting exceptional cost allowances to adoptive parents for child care costs as well as exceptional foster care rates. These revisions will also include general housekeeping edits and other updates to align with current practice. The notice of intent for this rulemaking was filed under WSR 25-11-001.

Proposed Rules

Licensing Standards for Kinship Caregivers

DCYF filed [WSR 25-09-153](#) to open the public comment period on proposed revisions to rules to amend chapter 110-147 WAC Licensing Requirements for Child Placing Agency and Adoption Services and chapter 110-50 WAC Child Welfare by adding references to the new chapter 110-149 Licensing Requirements for Kinship Homes WAC that takes effect July 1, 2025. That new chapter will provide licensing standards for kinship caregivers and will also provide greater stability and outcomes for children and youth placed in kinship care. This is a supplemental notice to [WSR 25-01-091](#).

Recently Filed Rules

Board of Appeals Address Change

Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Administrative Services Division is revising WAC 110-03-0585 Index of significant decisions. These revisions will update an address change for the BOA and include minor formatting changes, effective Monday, June 2, 2025. More information can be found in [WSR 25-10-105](#).

Submit Comments

To participate in the permanent rulemaking process for these rules, the last day to submit feedback on the proposed rules is Tuesday, May 27, 2025. You can provide feedback using one of the following methods:

- [Submit your comments online](#).
- Email dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov.
- Leave a voicemail message. Call 360-972-5385 and provide an email address when leaving a message so that we can respond to your comment.

Equal weight is given to all comments, whether they are made online, by email, or voicemail.

Questions?

For questions about DCYF rules, or to request an alternate format for this information, please contact dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov.