

Certified and Certified for Payment Only (CFPO) options for Tribal Child Care

Indian Policy for Early Learning (IPEL)

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Tribal Child Care Snapshot

DCYF LICENSED (Tribal affiliation) Follows WAC 110-300	DCYF CERTIFIED (Tribe) Follows WAC 110-300	CERTIFIED FOR PAYMENT ONLY (CFPO) (Tribe) Follows CCDF or 477 Plan
Family home child care: 0	Family home child care: 0	Family home child care: 9
Center based child care: 3	Center based child care: 7	Center based child care: 21
School-age child care: 0	School-age child care: 0	School-age child care: 0
Outdoor Nature Based child care: 0	Outdoor Nature Based child care: 0	Outdoor Nature Based child care: 0
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 3	TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 7	TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 30
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: 146	NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: 470	NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: 1458



What is Licensed, Certified, and CFPO child care?

WAC 110-300-0010(1) An individual or entity that provides child care and early learning services for a group of children, birth through twelve years of age, must be licensed by the department, pursuant to **RCW 43.216.295**, unless exempt under **RCW 43.216.010(2)** and **WAC 110-300-0025**.



Licensed – License means a permit issued by the department legally authorizing an applicant to operate an early learning program. All licensing activities are supported and monitored by DCYF.



Certified – Certification means DCYF approval of a person, home, or facility that is *exempt from licensing* but *requests evidence that the program meets WAC requirements*. All licensing activities are supported and monitored by DCYF.



Certified for payment only – Tribal child care programs that receive subsidy, follow the Tribe's licensing requirements, and are supported and monitored for all licensing activities by the Tribe.





Purpose of Certification

If requested, the facility may be certified by DCYF as meeting licensing requirements if it is:

- Located within the boundaries of a Federally recognized Indian Reservation.
- The facility is bound under the same requirements, inspection schedule and all other applicable laws, as those facilities that are licensed by DCYF, with a few exceptions.
- Certification requires the State and Tribe to work together to ensure the program meets the requirements of both the governments.



Why Certification?

- Tribal governments may or may not issue a license to operate a child care facility within the boundaries of the Reservation for many reasons.
- Certified programs follow all WAC requirements and are supported in certification, monitoring, and other licensing activities by DCYF Licensing Division.
- Tribal programs that are certified are authorized to receive State subsidy payments as soon as they receive their license from DCYF.





DCYF Policy Update

OTR reviewed the Policy with the following in mind:

- Understand Tribal Sovereignty and Government-to-Government Relationships.
- Review policy implementation and impact assessment.
- Assess Potential Impacts on Tribal Communities.
- Address Barriers and Promote Flexibility.
- Use a Holistic, Interconnected Approach.



Policy 10.1.30

1. **DCYF Will Not License Legally Exempt Early Learning or School-Age Programs in Accordance With RCW 43.216.010**
2. **DCYF May Certify Exempt Early Learning or School-Age Programs as Meeting Licensing Standards**
Programs may be certified as meeting licensing standards upon request for subsidy payments.
The program must be:
 - Located within a federally recognized reservation
3. **DCYF Will Follow Licensing Practices When Certifying Exempt Programs as Meeting Licensing Standards**
DCYF will follow the same licensing requirements, inspection schedule and all other applicable laws as applied to early learning or school-age programs licensed by DCYF.

Policy 10.1.30 (continued)

4. DCYF Must Ensure Early Learning or School-Age Programs Are Eligible for Certification for Payment Only

Eligible programs must be:

- Licensed by another entity, certified or approved in accordance with national or state standards, or standards approved by DCYF.
- Operated on the premises where the entity operating the early learning or school-age program has jurisdiction.

5. DCYF May Certify An Early Learning or School-Age Program For Payment Only

6. DCYF Will Confirm Programs Are License Programs may be certified for payment only upon request. The program must be:

- Licensed or certified by an Indian Tribe and located within a federally recognized reservation or on land held in trust such as casinos or smoke shops; or
- Licensed or Certified by the Federal Department of Defense, **Certified or Approved in Accordance with National or State Standards or Standards Approved by DCYF**

Programs must be operated on the premises where the Tribe has jurisdiction. DCYF will work with Tribes, when possible, to receive updated confirmation of compliance with Tribal CCDF requirements of programs certified for payment only on their lands, indicated in approved Tribal CCDF Plans or other documentation, every three years.

Questions or
comments...



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Thank you!

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