

FAMILY FIRST REQUIRED RCW/WAC/POLICY REVISIONS

8/16/18

WAC #/Policy / RCW Revisions	Current WAC/Policy Title	New Language Required by FFPS	Additional comments
Practices & Procedures 5110	Completing the Home Study	Specify which WACs can have non-safety waivers for relatives	Requires policy revision
110-148-1520	<b>What services am I expected to provide for children in my care?</b>	Applicants must be able to communicate with child in child's own language and must be able communicate with the IV-E agency, health care providers, and other service provider.	WAC revision and policy revision
		At least one applicant must have functional literacy.	WAC revision
110-148-1555	<b>What are the immunization requirements for the children placed in my home?</b>	All children who are household members must be up to date with AAP, the CDC, unless immunization is contrary to child's health and documented by LHP.	WAC revision: <b>Major change for foster families.</b> DLR currently allows for religious, philosophical, and medical exemptions as do the schools. This new requirement will no longer allow for those exemptions. The only exemption allowed is if the vaccine is contrary to a child's health.
110-04 and 6800 Background Check Policy	Revised Background Check WAC	Must not approve a background check with a felony conviction for: Child abuse or neglect; Spousal abuse; A crime against children (including child pornography); A crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery; Physical assault, battery, or a drug-related offense within the last five (5) years; and	Background Check WAC and policy revision.

Practices & Procedures 5110	Completing the Home Study	Clarify that one scheduled in home interview for each household member to observe family functioning and assess the family's capacity to meet the needs of the child or children in foster care	Minor policy change. Currently our policy does not specify that each household member must be interviewed in the home and observed.
		One reference must be a relative	Minor policy revision. Current policy allows one reference out of three to be a relative, this new standard requires one reference to be a relative.
110-148-1500	<b>Under what conditions may I have guns and weapons on my property?</b>	Weapons and ammo stored seperately.	Revise the WAC to the previous WAC, that required weapons and ammo to be stored seperately (no exceptions). Waivers may need to be done for law enforcement.
110-148-1455	<b>How must I keep children safe around bodies of water?</b>	Pools must be equipped with a life saving device, such as a ring buoy. Pools that cannot be emptied after each use, must have a working pump and filtration system. Swimming pools must have a barrier on all sides.	Minor WAC revision. WAC revision.
110-148-1390	<b>Can I accept children outside the limitations of my license?</b>	Only exceptions for overcap are for siblings, to allow a child to remain with family that they have established relationship with, to allow a family with special training or skills to provide care to a child with severe disability.	WAC revision requiring barrier (fence) on all sides of pool, no longer allowing 4ft pool wall to count as barrier. WAC revision. Major practice change for DCFS, we now allow overcaps for families that have demonstrative exceptional abilities to meet the needs of children, but this can no longer be allowed with the new law. The only exception for skill or training is specific to a child with a severe disability.
110-148-1465	<b>What other emergency fire and safety requirements must I follow to become licensed?</b>	Requires a carbon monoxide detector on each level of occupancy, and one near all sleeping areas.	New WAC: New requirement we do not have this in the Foster Home WACs.
110-148-1460	<b>How do I prepare for a natural disaster or emergency?</b>	Requires written emergency evacuation plan to be posted in a prominent place in the home and shared with children.	WAC revision: Current WAC does not require it to be posted, just shared with children.

110-148-1450	<b>What are requirements for my household equipment and hardware?</b>	Requires Foster Parent to maintain comprehensive list of emergency phone numbers, including poison control and post in a prominent place in the home.	Minor WAC revision to mirror federal language. Current WAC requires posting of emergency numbers and poison control, in an "easily visible place", this will be changed to "prominent".
110-148-1510	<b>What requirements do I need to follow when I transport children?</b>	Requires driver to have registration, and only adults in the home having a driving record in "good standing" transport the child.	WAC revision and policy revision. WA will need to define "good standing" and mirror WAC language to state only "adults" can transport children.
Practices & Procedures 5180	<b>Foster Parent (Licensed Family Foster Home) Training</b>	Requires pre-service or Caregiver Core Training to include Legal Rights, agency structure, purpose, policies and service; laws and regulations, impact of childhood trauma, managing child's Bx, prudent parenting, first aid (not part of CCT) but required, medication administration, importance of maintaining meaningful connections between child and parents, including regular visitation.	CCT already covers most of these topics, with the exception of First Aid and medication administration. Policy change will be needed to require medication administration training prior to becoming licensed.
NEW CPA WAC 110-147-1691	<b>What training must I provide to a foster care licensing applicant prior to licensing?</b>	Mimic 110-148-1375. Provide clarity about if agency using different Pre-Service than DCYF, the foster parent would need to complete the DCYF pre-service if at a later time they chose to become licensed by DCYF.	NEW 388-147 WAC
110-148-1365	<b>What are the personal requirements for foster parents?</b>	Foster parents cannot use any illegal substances, abuse alcohol by consuming it in excess amounts, or abuse legal prescription and/or nonprescription drugs by consuming them in excess amounts or using them contrary to as indicated.	WAC revision. The federal language is more descriptive than current WAC.

110-148-1495

**What are the requirements for smoking around children?**

Applicants and their guests will not smoke in the family foster home, in any vehicle used to transport children, or **in the presence of the child in foster care.**

WAC revision. This WAC revision will be more stringent than current RCW 70.16.075 regarding smoking. There is no exception regarding Native American religious ceremonies involving tobacco as in our current WAC.