



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Subject of possible rule making: Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care subsidy programs: DCYF plans to implement 2021 session laws and budget provisos, as well as collective bargaining agreements entered into with family home child cares. Subjects include monthly rate authorizations for family home child cares; increased base rates for licensed and family, friend, and neighbor child care providers; field trip reimbursements for family, friend, and neighbor child care providers; eligibility changes for certain full-time student parents and families experiencing homelessness; and new time periods in which family homes must produce requested documents and correct payments.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Rules are necessary to set base rates as directed by the legislature, incorporate collective bargaining agreements into existing rules, and make existing rules consistent with 2021 session laws.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The U. S. Administration for Children And Families regulates this subject and DCYF consults with that agency when necessary to ensure its rules are consistent with federal requirements.

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

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

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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