

Terms and Definitions

Annual means the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st.

Center early learning program licensee or **center licensee** means an entity licensed and authorized by the department to operate a center early learning program.

Early learning professionals are all early learning providers, child care licensing staff, and other professionals in the early learning field.

Early learning program refers to regularly scheduled care for a group of children birth through twelve years of age for periods of less than twenty-four hours, licensed by the department.

Early learning provider or **provider** refers to an early learning licensee or designee who works in an early learning program during hours when children are or may be present. Designees include center directors, assistant directors, program supervisors, lead teachers, assistants, aides, and volunteers.

Enforcement action means denial, suspension, revocation, modification, or nonrenewal of a license pursuant to RCW [43.216.325](#) (3). An early learning provider may contest enforcement actions and seek an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to chapter 110-03 WAC.

Family home early learning program licensee or **family home licensee** means an individual licensee authorized by the department to operate a family home early learning program within the licensee's family living quarters.

Household member means one or more individuals who live in the same dwelling or share living arrangements, and may consist of family relatives or other groups of people.

Inactive when used by the department to indicate a licensing status, means early learning providers who have requested and have been approved to temporarily cease caring for children and close their early learning program.

License means a permit issued by the department legally authorizing an applicant to operate an early learning program.

Licensee means an individual or legal entity listed on a license issued by the department, authorized to provide child care or early learning services in a center or family home setting.

RCW means Revised Code of Washington.

WAC means Washington Administrative Code.