

## Terms and Definitions

**Child Care Health Consultant** means a currently licensed registered nurse who has worked in pediatrics or public health in the past five years or has taken or taught classes in pediatric nursing at the college level in the past five years; has experience with state licensing and public health requirements; and attests with writing to knowledge and experience sufficient enough to provide service consistent with the health consultation competencies described in the most current version of *Caring for Our Children*.

**Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)** means an early learning provider interacts with each child in a way that recognizes and respects the child's chronological and developmental age; Knowledge about how children grow and learn; Reflects the developmental level of the individual child; and Interactions and activities are planned with the developmental needs of the individual child in mind.

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

**Early learning 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 director, program supervisors, lead teachers, assistants, instructional aides, aides, and volunteers.

**Infant** is a child birth through eleven months of age.

**RCW** means Revised Code of Washington.

**Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)** is the unexpected death of a seemingly healthy baby 12 months or younger in which no cause of death is found after a death scene investigation, autopsy, and review of the baby's medical history. SIDS is a subgroup of SUID.

**Sudden unexpected infant death (SUID)** is the sudden and unexpected death of an infant due to natural or unnatural causes where the cause of death is not immediately evident

**Toddler** means a child twelve month through twenty-nine months of age.

**Waddler** is a term typically used to describe children between the ages of thirteen and twenty-four months.

**WAC** means Washington Administrative Code.