

Terms and Definitions

Active supervision or **actively supervise** means a heightened standard of care beyond supervision. This standard requires an early learning provider to see and hear the children they are responsible for during higher risk activities. The provider must be able to prevent or instantly respond to unsafe or harmful events.

Capacity means the maximum number of children an early learning provider is authorized by the department to have in care at any given time. This includes any children on-site at the early learning program and any children in transit to or from the program or other activities such as field trips while the children are signed in to the care of the program.

Center early learning program is a facility providing regularly scheduled care for a group of children birth through twelve years of age for periods of less than twenty-four hours a day, pursuant to RCW **43.216.010**(1)(a) (child day care center).

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 space means the licensed indoor and outdoor space on the premises approved by the department for the purpose of providing licensed child care.

Early learning program staff refers to all persons who work or volunteer in an early learning program during hours when children are or may be present, excluding licensees.

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.

Preschool-age children means children thirty months through six years of age not attending kindergarten or elementary school.

School-age children means a child not less than five years of age through twelve years of age who is attending kindergarten or elementary school.

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

RCW means Revised Code of Washington.

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WAC means Washington Administrative Code.

Water activities means early learning program activities in which enrolled children swim or play in a body of water that poses a risk for drowning for children. Water activities do not include using sensory tables.