

Terms and Definitions

Developmentally appropriate means:

- (a) An early learning provider interacts with each child in a way that recognizes and respects the child's chronological and developmental age;
- (b) Knowledge about how children grow and learn;
- (c) Reflects the developmental level of the individual child; and
- (d) 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 program space means the licensed indoor and outdoor space on the premises approved by the department for the purpose of providing licensed child care.

Emergency preparedness means a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination in case of emergencies or during incident response.

Lockdown means restricted to an interior room with few or no windows while the facility or building is secured from a threat.

RCW means Revised Code of Washington.

Seiche means a temporary disturbance or oscillation in the water level of a lake or partially enclosed body of water, especially one caused by changes in atmospheric pressure.

Shelter in place means staff and children staying at the facility due to an external threat such as a storm, chemical or gas leak or explosion, or other event that prohibits the occupants from safely leaving the facility.

Staff means any early learning provider providing care in the early learning program.

Tsunami means a great sea wave produced especially by submarine earth movement or volcanic eruption.

WAC means Washington Administrative Code.