

Terms and Definitions

DCYF or the department refers to the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Enforcement action means denial, suspension, revocation, modification, or nonrenewal of a license pursuant to RCW **43.216.325**(1) or assessment of a civil monetary penalty (fine) 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.

FLCA or Child care facility licensing compliance agreement means an agreement issued by the department in lieu of the department taking enforcement action against a child care provider, pursuant to 43.216.395(2)(a) RCW.

Health and safety standards means rules or requirements developed by the department to protect the health and safety of children against substantial risk of bodily injury, illness, or death, pursuant to 43.216.395(2)(b).

Internal review process has the same meaning in this chapter as in RCW **43.216.395**.

Modification when used in reference to an early learning provider's licensing status, means an enforcement action by the department to change the conditions identified on a licensee's current license.

Non-expiring license means a license that is issued to an early learning provider following the initial licensing period, pursuant to chapter **43.216** RCW.

Probationary license means "a license issued as a disciplinary measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but is out of compliance with licensing standards.", pursuant to chapter **43.216.010**(22) RCW.

Revocation or revoke when used in reference to an early learning provider's licensing status, means an enforcement action by the department to close an early learning program and permanently remove the license.

Suspend when used in reference to an early learning provider's licensing status, means an enforcement action by the department to temporarily stop a license in order to protect the health, safety, or welfare of enrolled children or the public.

Technical Assistance means a service provided to early learning providers by department staff or a contracted third party to offer guidance, information, or resources to help a provider comply with the licensing requirements of this chapter and chapter **43.216** RCW.