

## Terms and Definitions

**The American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)** is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public.

**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.

**Environment** The physical environment, its surroundings, and a specific setting.

**RCW** means Revised Code of Washington.

**WAC** means Washington Administrative Code.