



STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

Negotiating and Commenting on the Proposed Licensing Rules

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) has drafted an updated, aligned, and weighted set of rules for Family Home and Center child care facilities. The next step in the process: finalize Negotiated Rulemaking and Public Comments activities with people and organizations affected by them.

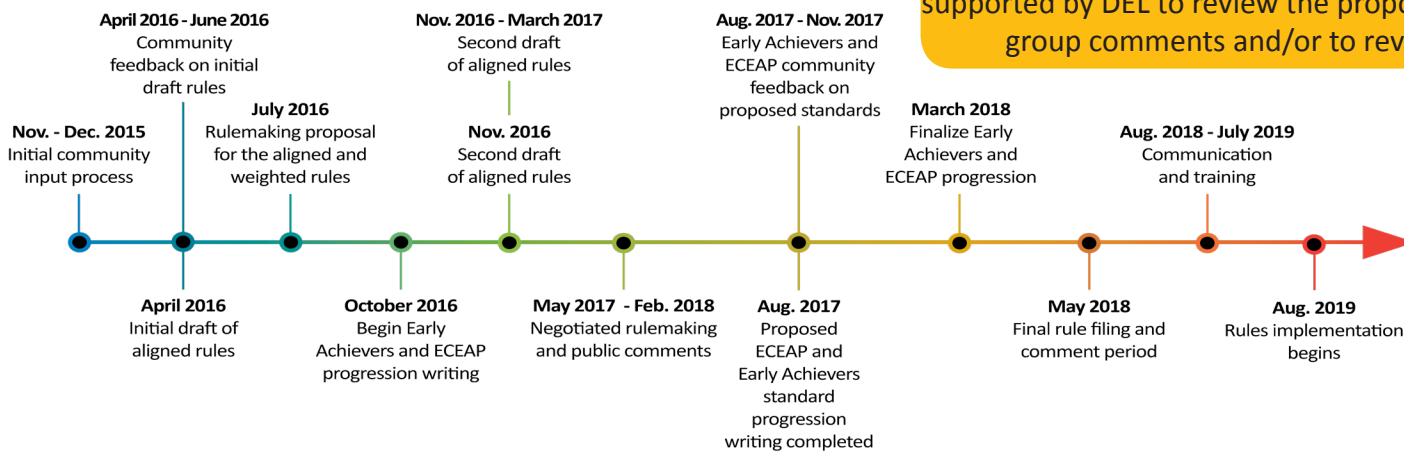
DEL's online public comment portal is open to receive comments about the proposed and negotiated rules and the rule's weights. Find the link to the portal and the complete set of the rules for review at:

www.del.wa.gov/government/standards-alignment

PUBLIC COMMENT OPTIONS



ANTICIPATED TIMELINE



Alignment Community Café
A local group of providers or members of public, self-organized by stakeholders and supported by DEL to review the proposed and negotiated licensing rules for soliciting group comments and/or to review other standards alignment materials.

DEL is integrating its Negotiated Rulemaking and Public Comment processes. Once these are complete the licensing rules will be filed officially and DEL will begin communications and training activities for providers and licensors.





NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

DEL is required by statute to organize a public comments process, as well as negotiate rules with the Family Home Providers' union on behalf of represented family child care licensees. Also included in that negotiation are all other "affected parties."

DEL's goal is to ensure adequate, equitable, and diverse representation in the negotiations.

Want to find out how you can learn more or be involved?

Email: communications@del.wa.gov

Visit: www.del.wa.gov/government/standards-alignment

Providers

- Contact SEIU or Thrive
- Participate in NRM
- Participate in public comments process
- Organize/support local alignment cafe
- Communicate with the NRM teams

Parents

- Contact CCA
- Participate in NRM
- Participate in public comments process
- Support & participate in local alignment cafe
- Communicate with the NRM teams

Stakeholder Orgs.

- Contact DEL
- Organize/support local alignment cafe
- Help organize providers & parents participation
- Provide translation & interpretation to local providers & parents
- Collect and submit public comments data

Public

- Contact DEL and/or main partners
- Participate in public comments process
- Support & participate in local alignment cafe
- Communicate with the NRM teams

Center providers are supported by Thrive

Washington. Stakeholders, e.g. CCA, Early Learning Regional Coalitions, local Center Directors' groups, etc. will provide support engaging all types of center providers.

Families/Parents are supported by Child Care

Aware. Stakeholders, e.g. DEL Parent Advisory Group (PAG), WSA Parents Ambassadors team, Thrive, etc. will provide support.

Family Home providers are supported by SEIU

and by stakeholders such as the Early Learning Regional Coalitions, Voices of Tomorrow, etc. and will engage and support providers who do not associate themselves with SEIU.

ECEAP/HS are supported by WSA.

Stakeholders, e.g. CCA, Thrive, Early Learning Regional Coalitions, local Center Directors' groups, etc. will provide support engaging all types of ECEAP/HS providers.

