

Washington State Child Care Disasters and Emergencies Plan



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Chapter 1: Approval and Implementation



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SUBJECT: Letter of Promulgation, 2018 Revised and 2019 Updated Washington State Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan

With this notice, we are pleased to put into effect the revised and updated edition of the 2015 Washington State Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan. The plan provides the framework for preparedness and recovery activities for child care licensing and child care subsidy in the event of a significant emergency or disaster in Washington State. This plan provides a structure for DCYF and CCA of WA to work in a coordinated effort during disaster recovery, and provides guidance to licensed child care providers (hereafter, “providers”), parents, and stakeholders about what they can expect from DCYF, and CCA of WA.

This plan is complimentary to the departments’ and CCA of WA Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP), and works with the overall statewide mitigation, preparedness, and response and recovery activities provided by the Emergency Management Division of the Military Department. By coordinating between the department and CCA of WA, the plan assists Washington State in minimizing the impact of disasters and emergencies on children, families, and providers.

The plan was developed by representatives from DCYF and CCA of WA with assistance from the federal Office of Child Care and the federal Emergency Management staff at the Administration for Children and Families, the EFS 6 staff, and the DSHS Office of Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department.

Chapter 2: Background and Overview

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and procedures for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to respond to a disaster that significantly affects a community's child care infrastructure. The plan outlines the roles and responsibilities of DCYF and partner organizations in providing support to providers and families affected by a disaster.

The key emergency response functions relating to child care in DCYF are:

- Support the safety and well-being of children in licensed child care through continued licensing efforts
- Provide technical assistance as requested to providers, licensors, staff, etc. for the provision of temporary or emergency child care
- Continue child care subsidy payments to providers
- Continue eligibility determinations and subsidy authorizations for parents
- Continue the approval of in-home/relative child care providers
- Disseminate information to providers and families regarding disaster assistance and recovery
- Participate in the disaster response as an Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 coordinating agency at the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with partner organizations including Child Care Aware of Washington (CCA of WA), the American Red Cross (ARC) and other non-governmental organizations that support the needs of children during disasters

Scope

This document is prepared on behalf of DCYF, the Washington State Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) lead agency. The document outlines the roles and responsibilities of DCYF to respond to and recover from a disaster that significantly affects a community's child care infrastructure. While it includes suggested actions for partner organizations and nonprofit organizations often involved in disasters, these are only recommendations and are not binding on any of these agencies or organizations. The plan focuses on:

- Licensed and certified child care providers
- Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs (ECEAP), the state's preschool program for 3- and 4-year-old children
- License exempt, in-home/relative child care provider
- The children in care in these programs
- Families who receive child care subsidies

This document only addresses DCYF functions related to licensed child care, license-exempt in-home/relative child care and ECEAP. It does not address the parts of DCYF's Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) required under the [Directive by the Governor 13-02](#) that outline the agency's internal procedures regarding employee status, pay, alternate worksite(s) or other requirements stipulated in the Directive.

DCYF has statutory authority over the regulation of licensed child care homes, centers, school-age programs, license-exempt in-home/relatives and ECEAP. DCYF provides policy and oversight for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) and Seasonal Child Care (SCC) subsidy programs and provides the eligibility determination, authorization of care and payment for services. The Head Start Collaboration Office is also part of DCYF and coordinates between child care, ECEAP and Head Start services. DCYF

does not have statutory authority to take custody of children and cannot provide child care for children. It can provide resources and services to potential providers, but not the actual care of children.

This document takes a “worst most likely scenario” approach to planning and is not intended to address catastrophic incidents or human-caused emergencies. An example of a “worst most likely scenario” in Washington is a severe winter storm such as that experienced statewide in January 2012 with cascading and sustained impacts on utilities, transportation and critical infrastructure.

Assumptions

This plan was created using the following assumptions:

- Child care is an integral and essential part of a community’s economic viability and should be restored as soon as possible following an emergency event
- Licensed child care providers have their own emergency and disaster plans, train on and implement them and disseminate them to parents. Providers have enough food, water and supplies to take care of children for up to three days
- The Washington State resource and referral network, CCA of WA, plays an integral role in providing timely information to providers, parents and communities
- The disaster is not catastrophic, but “manageable,” defined as basic communication services such as phone and internet are operational or will be operational within 3-7 days
- Time frames in this plan are approximate and may vary depending on the extent of the damage

Overview of Child Care and ECEAP in Washington State

Administration

DCYF is responsible for the management and administration of licensed child care, license-exempt in-home/relative child care and ECEAP, as outlined below:

- Child care licensing
- Efforts to improve the quality of child care
- Approval for license-exempt in-home/relative providers
- The promulgation of policy for child care licensing and the child care subsidy programs
- Policy, oversight and contracts for ECEAP
- Administering child care for families experiencing homelessness
- Determine eligibility for subsidized child care
- Authorize child care subsidies
- Make subsidy payments to providers

DCYF maintains contracts with CCA of WA to:

- Provide child care consumers with referrals and information regarding licensed providers in their community, including rating status of providers participating in Early Achievers, and options for child care affordability
- Work with providers to improve the quality of their care
- Work with child care stakeholders to expand the availability of high-quality child care
- Collect, analyze, and disseminate child care data to policymakers and advocate for effective policies
- Provide assistance to families experiencing homelessness

Note: CCA of WA consists of seven regional programs located throughout the state. The CCA Family Center (which provides statewide referrals and consumer information) is in Seattle, and the state network office is in Tacoma. (CCA of WA offices listed in Appendix 8, page 34).

Licensed Child Care

The state of Washington requires facilities (with some exceptions) and individuals to be licensed pursuant to [RCW 43.216.010](#). DCYF licenses three types of child care:¹

- Child Care Center: child care in a commercial facility (not a home)
- Family Home Child Care: child care for 12 or fewer children in a provider's home
- School-Age Child Care: child care in a commercial facility (not a home) for children 5 years of age (in school) to 12 years of age

Applicants interested in becoming licensed child care providers contact DCYF, complete an orientation and apply for a license. A DCYF child care licensor verifies licensing requirements are met and inspects the facility/home before issuing a license. DCYF has 16 licensing offices throughout Washington to provide technical assistance, conduct inspections, respond to complaints and disseminate information to providers (licensing offices listed in Appendix 11, page 37). Licensed providers are required to complete Preservice Requirements, Training Requirements and In-Service Training. CCA of WA is the state's largest purveyor of community-based training for child care.

Certified Child Care

Child care centers and homes located on military bases or federally recognized tribal reservations may choose to become certified by the state. This means that the facility meets state licensing requirements and is inspected and monitored by DCYF. A facility that is certified is the same as licensed except that it is on a military base or tribal reservation.

Military and Tribally Licensed Child Care

Tribes and the military can choose to manage their own licensing functions for child care centers and family home child cares located on their base or reservation. These programs are referred to as tribally or military licensed. They can participate in the state's child care subsidy program if they complete the necessary paperwork. Once the process is complete, they are considered certified for payment by the state.

License Exempt In-Home/Relative Child Care

Washington State pays child care subsidies to qualified providers who are not licensed; these providers may care for children who are a relative of the provider or they may care for children in the child's home – in this case, the provider and children do not need to be related. These license-exempt in-home/relative providers must pass a background check and, depending on location and relation to the child, may need to complete additional training and meet certain health and safety requirements. Sometimes, these providers are referred to as Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) care.

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)

ECEAP is Washington's state-funded prekindergarten program that prepares some of the state's most vulnerable 3- and 4-year-old children for success in school and in life. DCYF contracts with 40 local organizations including school districts, educational service districts, community and technical colleges and nonprofit organizations to provide ECEAP services. Modeled on the federal Head Start program, ECEAP runs during the regular school year, providing a comprehensive child development program. Contract payments are made on a monthly basis from the Agency Financial Reporting System (AFRS).

Head Start

There are 32 Head Start and Early Head Start grantees with multiple locations in Washington that receive funding from the Region X Office of Head Start. Additionally, there are 26 Head Start and Early

¹ <https://dcyf.wa.gov/practice/policy-laws-rules/child-care-licensing>

Head Start grantees, many with multiple locations, in Washington that receive funding from the Region XI Office of Head Start in Washington D.C. The Region X Head Start Office works with Head Start grantees located in the Region X area of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The Region XI Head Start Office works with programs run by Tribal organizations located anywhere in the country. Head Start provides a preschool program with comprehensive family and health services to low-income families.

Child Care Subsidies

DCYF administers Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) and Seasonal Child Care (SCC), collectively referred to as Child Care Subsidy Programs (CCSP) for families who need support:

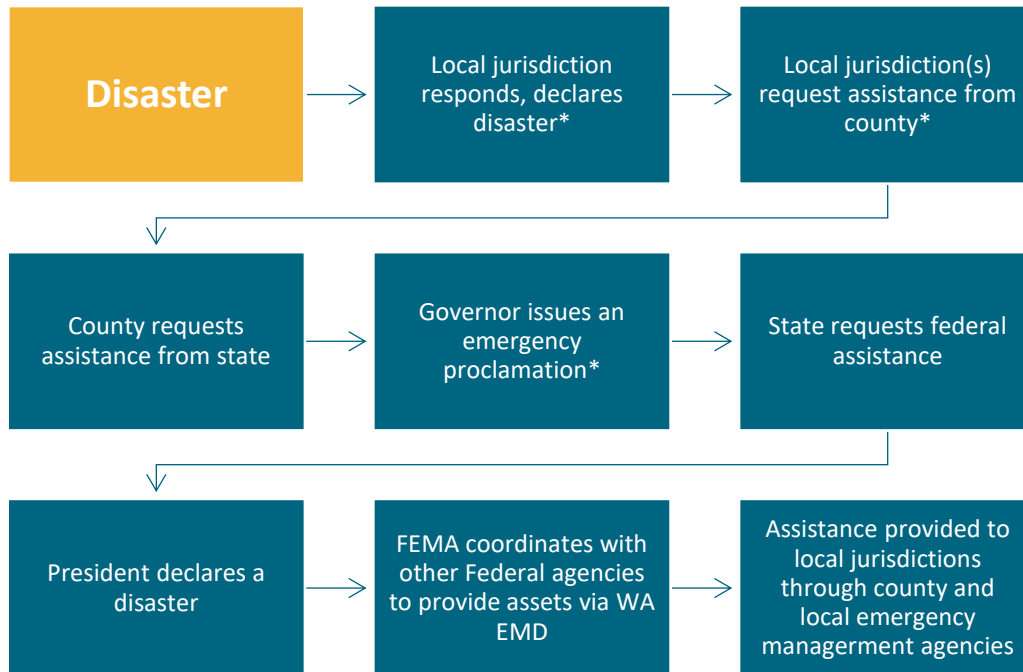
- WCCC: Child care subsidies to help families pay for child care, allowing them to work, attend training or enroll in educational programs.
- SCC: Child care subsidies for parents who participate in seasonal agricultural-related work.

CCSP is implemented by DCYF. Families can apply for CCSP assistance online, by paper application or through a call center. Child care is authorized for eligible children so the family can engage in work or other approved activities. Families are authorized for up to 12 months of child care at a time. During this time, families are required to report changes in providers, income above 85 percent of state median income and contact information to DCYF in writing or by a phone call.

CCSP subsidies can be used for licensed child care and in-home/relative care with a few exceptions. CCSP pays on a monthly basis upon receipt of a completed invoice or a phone call by the provider to the Social Services Payment System (SSPS) payment line (Invoice Express).

Disaster Proclamation and Response Process

Figure 1



**if additional assistance is needed, the request is made to the larger jurisdiction*

When a local jurisdiction experiences an incident that exceeds its capacity to respond, the jurisdiction may request assistance from its county emergency management office. If the county believes that it needs additional resources to meet the need, it may request assistance from other counties under the Washington Mutual Aid System (WAMAS) or from the state, through the state EOC. If the President declares a disaster in the state, the state may then request assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Governor may proclaim a “State of Emergency” for a portion of the state or the entire state and invoke response and recovery actions. The Governor’s proclamation allows expeditious resource procurement and directs maximum use of available state assets and capabilities.

Coordination with Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6)

In Washington State, the Military Department Emergency Management Division (EMD) is the agency responsible for state-level emergency management. Their mission is to “minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters on the people, property, environment, and economy of Washington State.” EMD convenes state agencies to coordinate the state-level emergency response at the EOC.

During an emergency or disaster, the EOC is designated as the central location for information gathering, disaster analysis, and response coordination. Information gathered is used by executives to make decisions concerning emergency actions and to identify and prioritize the use of state resources needed to respond to the emergency. The EOC may issue emergency warnings or disseminate critical information and instructions to government personnel and the public who may need to take emergency protective actions.

In keeping with federal guidance, state-level emergency response is structured into support functions that provide a framework for activating capabilities best able to address the needs of a disaster-impacted jurisdiction. There are 15 ESF annexes (Appendix 10, page 36). ESFs are activated as needed and on the basis of the size and complexity of the incident.

At the state EOC, there are assigned desks based on the emergency support functions where the jurisdictional requests are coordinated. The ESF 6 desk is responsible for the coordination of mass care, emergency assistance, short term housing and human services response. The ESF 6 desk receives support requests from jurisdictions, tribes or other state agencies and coordinates the response within existing resources.

Responding to the unique needs of children during disasters, including child care, is an ESF 6 coordination responsibility. DCYF is a key response partner under the state-level ESF 6 plan.

In preparing for and responding to a disaster, DCYF and CCA of WA may be asked to participate in developing plans, joining in exercises or staffing a response task force.

The Emergency Management Preparedness, Response and Recovery Cycle

*“When the river is rising and it’s 2 a.m., that’s not the time to start a relationship.”
-Elizabeth Dole, former American Red Cross president, former Senator & Cabinet Secretary*

Emergency management is best conceptualized as a cycle of planning and preparedness activities, response and recovery. The more complete the preparedness, the shorter the response and recovery time for any emergency.

Preparedness – Preparedness includes activities and planning that allows agencies to prepare for emergency and disaster situations during times of non-emergencies or disasters. The preparedness phase also involves training staff on emergency preparedness plans and developing relationships between agencies and people who are likely to be involved in response activities. Testing plans and exercises are also a critical part of being prepared. Preparedness activities to be completed by all of the agencies involved in this plan are included in the Preparedness Table (page 10).

Response – The response is initiated immediately after the disaster incident occurs and sometimes may be initiated while the disaster is still occurring. During this phase, the agencies implement the plans that were created during the preparedness phase. The response requires agencies to participate in activities to assess the status of child care infrastructure and support the resumption of child care activities in the disaster-affected area. Activities to be completed in the response phase by all of the agencies involved in this plan are included in the Response Table (page 12). Most disasters in Washington State begin to transition to recovery 72 hours after the disaster begins. Sometimes, however, disasters are sequential and compounding – as with the January 2012 severe weather – and the response is prolonged. The purpose of the response is to meet the immediate life-safety needs of those directly impacted.

Recovery – As soon as the agencies and licensed child care infrastructure are no longer immediately responding or overwhelmed, the response phase ends. The recovery continues until child care infrastructure has resumed normal operations or all activities are complete and there is a new child care infrastructure. Recovery activities to be completed by all of the agencies involved in this plan are included in the Recovery Table (page 14). Recovery is intended to help providers get back on their feet and establish their “new normal” mode of operating, if possible. In many cases, disaster assistance will not make providers “whole” or restore them immediately to their previous level of operations.

Chapter 3: Child Care Roles, Responsibilities and Critical Activities

Plan Development and Maintenance

The Secretary of DCYF, senior management of the Information Support Systems and Office of Emergency Management are responsible for approving and disseminating this plan.

The state CCDF Administrator is responsible for the continued development and maintenance of the plan. Following plan approval, the plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by DCYF in coordination with CCA of WA representatives.

Communication

Communication protocols are included throughout this plan and will be reviewed and updated as indicated above.

Child Care Emergency Preparedness Committee (CCEPC)

CCEPC was formed in the fall of 2012 to develop an emergency preparedness plan for licensed child care infrastructure in Washington. The committee was originally led by the Department of Early Learning (DEL), now known as the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), with representatives from DCYF child care licensing and policy, DSHS subsidy (now also part of DCYF), and CCA of WA.

Following a disaster, a workgroup may be convened by the state CCDF Administrator in conjunction with the ACF Office of Child Care, ACF Office of the Regional Administrator to coordinate assessment, response and recovery efforts relating to licensed child care. Staff representing the CCEPC agencies, as well as Public Health, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, ARC, Save the Children and Head Start may be invited to participate.

Designees for Joint Response

- DCYF Child Care Statewide Licensing Administrator: will work with CCA of WA regarding licensed child care issues of common concern following a disaster
- DCYF License Exempt Administrator
- SSPS Program Manager: Point of contact for issues related to payment continuity

If requested by one or more jurisdictions following a disaster, the state EOC may activate ESF 6 to oversee responses related to licensed child care or other mass care or human services. Representatives from DCYF and other state agencies are expected to coordinate the ESF 6 response.

Initial Assessment Tool for Child Care Providers Following a Disaster

DCYF has developed the Initial Assessment Tool for Child Care Providers Following a Disaster form. Child care licensors from around the state will be assigned to complete these forms, either by phone or in-person if needed. CCA of WA staff may assist if requested. The information collected from this form will be shared with stakeholders such as CCA of WA, ACF and the ESF 6 desk at the state EOC. Individual provider information from the form will be entered into the provider database as appropriate.

Identification of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) to Consider for Change in the Event of a Disaster

DCYF will identify laws and regulations that may be considered for an exception to or revision in the event of a disaster. If laws and/or regulations are revised, either through an Emergency Rule, as part of the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, the CCDF Administrator will review the changes and consult with the Region X Office of Child Care to determine whether an amendment to Washington's CCDF Plan is necessary.

Child Care Emergency Contact List

The DCYF CCDF Administrator is responsible for maintaining an updated contact list of people involved with operations to support families in accessing licensed child care and child care providers in offering safe, healthy and nurturing services. The list includes email, work phone and cell phone numbers of the following positions:

DCYF:

- CCDF Administrator
- Child Care Statewide Licensing Administrator
- Region 5 Child Care Licensing Regional Administrator
- License Exempt Administrator
- EMD/COOP Liaison
- Child Care Subsidy Eligibility Administrator
- Child Care Subsidy Policy Administrator
- Call Care West Administrator
- Call Care East Administrator
- SSPS Program Manager, Supervisor
- SSPS IT Manager
- Child Care Administrators
- CSD Director

State Emergency Operations Center:

- ESF 6 Desk
- Emergency Management Division Duty Officer

Child Care Aware of Washington:

- Chief Executive Director
- Director of Community Engagement
- Family Center Manager
- Regional Program Directors

Administration for Children and Families:

- Region X Office of Child Care Manager
- Region X Office of Child Care Program Specialist assigned to WA

Department of Social and Health Services:

- Director of Emergency Management

Disaster Preparedness Training for Child Care Providers

Licensed child care providers must have emergency plans and enough food, water and supplies to care for children for three days per licensing rules. There is a disaster preparedness training module on the DCYF website for licensed child care providers. Additionally, training on disaster preparedness is incorporated into the updated 30 hours of Child Care Basics which is required for all newly licensed child care providers. There is a separate training module on the DCYF website for license-exempt in-home/relative child care providers on disaster preparedness.

Represent Child Care Provider Needs to Federal, State and Local Elected Officials

As CCA of WA and DCYF become aware of the critical needs of child care providers following a disaster, they share a role in representing those needs to elected officials. Each will do so within the limitations of their agency's role and jurisdiction.

Preparedness

Table 1	DCYF	DSHS Office of Emergency Management	CCA of WA
Plan Development and Maintenance	Develop an emergency preparedness plan for licensed and exempt in-home/relative child care in Washington. Review at least annually and revise as needed. Train appropriate DCYF staff on the Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan. Design and implement a tabletop exercise to test this plan.		Participate in the child care emergency preparedness planning cycle under DCYF’s lead. Train appropriate CCA staff on the Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan. Participate in the tabletop exercise.
Communication	Lead process for developing collaborative communication protocols for sharing information regarding child care following a disaster. Include in Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan.		Participate in the development of communication protocols for sharing information following a disaster.
CCEPC	Convene the Child Care Emergency Preparedness Committee (CCEPC).	Participate on the CCEPC.	Participate on the CCEPC.
Continuity of Operations Plans	Develop and maintain COOP that addresses vital child care services and interdependencies with DSHS. Develop continuity plans for licensing functions during a disaster. Develop an appropriate backup of data systems and other vital records Crosswalk the Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan with the agency COOP. Approval of license exempt in-home/relative providers.	Work directly with DCYF to support joint planning for disaster responses related to child care. Designate a position to work at the state ESF 6 desk at the state EOC during a response.	Develop and maintain a COOP that addresses CCA of WA vital services and interdependencies with DCYF. Develop an appropriate backup of data systems and other vital records.
Designees for Joint Response	Designate one or more staff to work directly with DSHS and other state agencies to plan and respond to disasters that impact child care. Designate a representative to consult and coordinate with the state ESF 6 desk, which is located at the state EOC, during a response.		

	DCYF	DSHS Office of Emergency Management	CCA of WA
EM-GIS Mapping	Provide information to DSHS for GIS mapping of early childhood programs; secure access to the EM-GIS viewer.	Assist DCYF, CCA, other government entities and non-government organizations in accessing the EM-GIS viewer through SAW. Within existing capabilities, support DCYF by providing relevant information related to same.	Secure access to the EM- GIS view.
Initial Assessment	Develop an Initial Assessment Tool to determine the status of providers post-disaster.		
Waiving RCWs and WACs	Identify Washington Administrative Codes (WAC) and Revised Codes of Washington (RCW) regarding child care licensing and subsidies that may need to be waived, changed, or amended during a disaster.		Identify potential contract revisions needed to enable CCA of WA to assist with recovery efforts.
Emergency Contact List	Maintain, update and distribute the Washington child care emergency response contact list on a quarterly basis.	Keep the updated child care emergency response contact list accessible.	Keep the updated child care emergency response contact list accessible.
Provider Preparedness	Monitor licensed providers for compliance with licensing WACs related to emergency preparedness plans and supplies. Provide technical assistance and sample plan templates to providers.		Promote and/or provide training and technical assistance to providers and parents around disaster preparedness, depending on the availability of funds.
Represent Provider Needs	Represent the needs and concerns of child care providers parents around emergency preparedness with elected officials.		Represent the needs and concerns of child care providers parents around emergency preparedness with elected officials.

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Role:

- Assist in Washington State’s emergency preparedness planning efforts for child care

Response

Table 2	DCYF	DSHS Office of Emergency Management	CCA of WA
Plan Development and Maintenance	Activate the child care emergency preparedness plan when needed.		Implement designated roles in the plan.
Communication	Implement the communication protocols for collecting and disseminating information to partners, providers and families, and sharing information between agencies.		Implement communication protocols as outlined in this plan.
CCEPC	Activate the CCEPC as needed with support from ACF. Meetings may range from daily conference calls to in-person meetings. Participate on the ESF 6 KIDS Task Force if convened.	Activate an ESF 6 KIDS Task Force response to receive, validate, and respond to support requests from jurisdictions, if appropriate. Participate on the CCEPC if convened.	Participate on the CCEPC and the ESF 6 KIDS Task Force if convened.
Continuity of Operations Plans	Implement the COOP to continue operations that address DEL vital child care services and interdependencies with DSHS. Implement continuity plans for licensing functions during a disaster. Implement continuity plans for approving license-exempt in-home/relative child care providers. Keep data systems working and vital records secure. Use back-up systems as needed.		Implement plan to continue child care referrals and provider support. Keep data systems working and vital records secure. Use back-up systems as needed.
Designees for Joint Response	Designated staff will communicate to the state EOC the immediate response needs (food, shelter, relocation of children, etc.) related to child care from child care providers and local jurisdictions.		Assist in the identification of provider, family and community needs related to child care. Relay information to DCYF point of contact. Advocate for resources needed to resume child care operations.

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	DCYF	DSHS Office of Emergency Management	CCA of WA
Initial Assessment	Gather information from providers using the agreed-upon initial assessment form. Compile information from the assessments, share compiled provider information with the leadership of DCYF and stakeholders, including CCA of WA, DSHS, EMD, ACF and others as needed. Enter appropriate provider information into the provider database.		Support DCYF in gathering information for the initial assessment tool, if requested.
Waiving RCWs and WACs	Determine whether DCYF child care licensing and subsidy RCWs and/or WACs should be revised or exceptions granted. If appropriate, notify the State EOC so this information can be included in the Governor’s Proclamation. Provide technical assistance to child care providers and families related to revised RCWs and WACs. Communicate revised RCWs and WACs to DSHS and CCA of WA.		Provide technical assistance to child care providers and families related to waived RCWs and WACs.
Emergency Contact List	Use the Washington child care emergency response contact list to support ongoing response efforts. Update information if needed.	Continue to have an updated Washington child care emergency response contact list accessible.	Continue to have an updated Washington child care emergency response contact list accessible.
Provider Preparedness	Disseminate information related to the disaster preparedness, response, and recovery process to child care providers and families, as appropriate.		Disseminate information related to the disaster preparedness, response and recovery process to child care providers and families, as appropriate.
Represent Provider Needs	Represent the needs and concerns of child care providers and parents around emergency response and disaster impact on the child care infrastructure with elected officials.		Represent needs and concerns of child care providers and parents around emergency response and disaster impact on the child care infrastructure with elected officials.

ACF Role:

- Provide support to DYCF in implementation of the Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan
- Receive child care status information from the state and forward to federal offices as appropriate
- Support and, if necessary, co-facilitate an ESF 6 KIDS Task Force in accordance with the ACF [Children and Youth in Disasters Task Force](#) document, if convened

Recovery

Table 3	DCYF	DSHS Office of Emergency Management	CCA of WA
Plan Development and Maintenance	Follow the Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan to bring the child care infrastructure to recover. Coordinate a debriefing with partners and update plan, if needed, to include lessons learned.	Participate in the debriefing to include relevant lessons learned.	Participate in the debriefing to include relevant lessons learned.
Communication	Continue to follow communication protocols established in the plan.	Continue to follow communication protocols established in the plan.	Continue to follow communication protocols established in the plan.
CCEPC	Continue leading meetings of the CCEPC. Conduct a debriefing of the event and review the Child Care in Disasters and Emergencies Plan for possible revisions. Participate in the ESF 6 KIDS Task Force.	Activate or support the ESF6 KIDS Task Force when indicated, until recovery is complete. Participate in the CCEPC and the debrief.	Continue to participate in the ESF 6 KIDS Task Force and the CCEPC. Participate in the child care committee debrief.
Continuity of Operations	Restore DCYF child care functions to pre-disruption levels of operation until the COOP is not needed.		Bring operations back to pre-disruption levels until the COOP is not needed.
Designees for Joint Response	Designated staff will continue to communicate to the state EOC on the resumption of the child care infrastructure.		Assist in the identification of provider, family and community needs related to child care. Relay information to DCYF point of contact. Advocate for resources needed to resume child care operations.
EM-GIS	Share the most up to date information with DSHS to update the EM-GIS mapping system to indicate operating facilities in the disaster area.	Update EM-GIS, based on information from DCYF, to show the new or resumed licensed child care providers in relation to a particular disaster.	Update referral database so referrals are not made to providers who are closed.
Initial Assessment	Continue to share updated results from initial assessment form with stakeholders (DSHS, ACF and CCA of WA). Review initial assessment form and revise as needed.		If CCA of WA used the initial assessment form during the disaster, provide feedback to DCYF on suggested revisions.

	DCYF	DSHS Office of Emergency Management	CCA of WA
Revising RCWs and WACs	Review child care RCWs and WACs that were revised during a disaster. Determine if these were most appropriate and what else may be required to support the resumption of the child care infrastructure. Review the changes that were made and consult with the Region X Office of Child Care to determine whether an amendment to Washington’s CCDF Plan is necessary. If warranted, submit an amendment.		
Emergency Contact List	Maintain, update, and distribute the Washington State child care emergency response contact list on a quarterly basis.	Keep the updated child care emergency response contact list accessible.	Keep the updated child care emergency response contact list accessible.
Provider Preparedness	Continue to disseminate information related to disaster preparedness to providers and parents. Determine if provider preparedness WACs are appropriate.		Promote and/or provide training and technical assistance to providers and parents around disaster preparedness, depending on the availability of funds.
Represent Provider Needs	Represent the needs and concerns of child care providers and parents around emergency preparedness with elected officials.		Represent the needs and concerns of child care providers and parents around emergency preparedness with elected officials.

ACF Role:

- Support any state-level task force to address the needs of children in licensed child care. If not, follow up with the State Child Care Administrator or CCEPC
- Share information collected from the Office of Child Care Data Collection form with appropriate Federal partners
- Share potential disaster-related resources for families with DCYF to disseminate
- Participate in the CCEPC debrief of the event

Licensing Critical Activities

Assess Operating Status of Providers

In the event of a disaster, DCYF child care licensors will assess the operating status of providers. If requested by DCYF, CCA of WA may assist in the assessment process. DCYF child care licensors will provide CCA of WA with information related to providers' status. CCA of WA will use this information to provide child care referrals.

Steps to Implement Response

The DCYF Child Care Statewide Licensing Administrator will:

- Direct DCYF child care licensing staff to attempt to contact providers in the affected area (those who are licensed or certified, but not those certified for payment only)
- Reassign licensing staff as needed to assist with the assessment
- Direct DCYF child care licensing staff to use the Initial Assessment of Child Care Providers Following a Disaster form (Appendix 5, page 31) to:
 - Gather basic information about whether a facility is operational
 - Determine the amount of existing open child care slots in the facility
 - Project any child care gaps
 - Categorize providers into one of the following categories:
 - Open
 - Temporarily Closed, Damaged or Status Unknown
 - Closed
- Provide the individual provider assessment data to the licensing office responsible for the region of the disaster if completed by licensors from other regions; update provider database as appropriate
- Compile the assessment data and share compiled provider information with the leadership of DCYF and stakeholders, including CCA of WA, the state EOC, ACF and others as needed
- Work with DCYF Communications to provide disaster information on the DCYF website

DCYF child care licensors will work with providers to determine:

- If an inspection is needed using the Initial Assessment of Child Care Providers Following a Disaster form to further determine whether damaged facilities can continue operating, must temporarily close, must reduce enrollment or must relocate
- Which child care providers are open and if they can take additional children (within their licensed capacity)
- Which child care providers may need additional child care staff to continue or expand operations

Table 4: Who is responsible for conducting preliminary impact assessments of the child care system

Licensed Child Care Providers	Certified Providers	ECEAP	Tribally Licensed Child Care and Tribal Head Start	Head Start
DCYF child care licensing staff	DCYF child care licensing staff	DCYF ECEAP staff via contractors	ACF Region X Office of Child Care and Region XI Office of Head Start	ACF Region XI Office of Head Start

Determine if There is a Need for More Child Care Capacity in the Disaster Area

Partners outside DCYF to help with function:

- CCA of WA based on child care referral requests in the disaster area

Steps to implement response:

- DCYF will work with providers and CCA of WA to determine if there are child care capacity needs in the disaster area beyond operational facilities' licensed capacity

Remove Permanently-Closed Providers from Licensing, Subsidy and Referral Data Bases

Partners outside DCYF to help with function:

- CCA of WA

Steps to implement response:

- When child care providers report they are permanently closed:
 - DCYF will close their license in the provider database and close all child care subsidy authorizations for those providers
 - CCA of WA will remove them from referral lists

Inspect New and Existing Sites

Partners outside DCYF to help with function:

- Local building and fire inspectors
- State and local public health departments
- State Fire Marshal

Steps to implement response:

- DCYF licensors will use the Disaster Health and Safety Review (Appendix 11, page 37) to conduct a site visit of:
 - Facilities that have been damaged and temporarily closed
 - Facilities that have been damaged and there is a question whether the facility continues to meet health and safety standards

New facility applications:

- DCYF will make every effort to expedite licensing requests and approvals for new applications
- DCYF will not make exceptions to licensing WACs for new applicants

Determine if a Change to Existing Child Care Licensing WACs or RCWs is Needed

Steps to implement response:

- DCYF will determine if there is a need to change or grant exceptions to WACs based on:
 - Assessment of child care infrastructure in the disaster area
 - Child care capacity needs
- CCDF Administrator will determine which process to use to change WACs or RCWs (Appendix 3, page 29)

Share Information with Partner Agencies

Steps to implement response:

- Share information with CCA of WA, DSHS, ACF, and/or the ESF 6 desk regarding:
 - The status of individual child care providers
 - The status of the child care infrastructure
 - The need for increased child care capacity

- The need for qualified child care staff to work in licensed facilities affected by the disaster
- Changes to RCWs and WACs

License Exempt – In-Home/Relative Provider Critical Activities

Assess Operating Status of Providers

In the event of a disaster, DCYF License exempt specialists will assess the operating status of providers.

Steps to Implement Response

The DCYF License Exempt Services Administrator will:

- Direct DCYF license-exempt staff to attempt to contact In-home/relative care providers in the affected area
- Reassign license-exempt specialists as needed to assist with outreach
- Direct DCYF license-exempt staff to:
 - Gather basic information about whether a provider can provide care
 - Categorize providers into one of the following categories:
 - Able to continue to provide care
 - Temporarily unable to provide care or Status Unknown
 - Closed
- Update provider database as appropriate
- Compile the data and share information with the leadership of DCYF and stakeholders, including CCA of WA, DSHS, EMD, AC, and others as needed
- Work with DCYF Communications to provide disaster information on the DCYF website
- DCYF license-exempt specialists will work with providers to determine if a technical assistance visit is needed to further determine whether care can continue at the care location

Subsidy Critical Activities

Policies Related to Continuing Child Care Subsidies

Some of these policies contradict current state regulations and/or statutes. In the event of a disaster, regulation and statute changes relating to the disaster can be implemented as discussed in Appendix 3, page 29. Depending on the impact of the disaster there may be a disruption of communication and support services, these functions may be delayed until backup systems are running or communication and support services resume.

Provide Timely and Uninterrupted WCCC and SCC Subsidy Payments to Child Care Providers

Systems/Information Technology needed to continue function:

- SSPS – to make actual payments; if down, SSPS will make every effort to come back online as soon as possible
- SSPS Back-up System in Westminister, Pennsylvania – to pay providers using a back-up system
- SSPS connection with the AFRS (the State Treasury) – to release the funds
- Invoice Express: Interactive Voice Response (IVR) – to accept billings by phone
- SSPS office – to accept paper invoices and input them for payment
- Direct deposit system and/or mail – to pay providers

Steps to reestablish function/policies:

- Determine that SSPS and Invoice Express are working:

- System administrators anticipate that, in most cases, the two systems will be returned to operating status within 72 hours after a disaster. This plan will not address a more catastrophic scenario of a complete system and system-backup failure that lasts longer than 72 hours.
- When systems are in place to continue reimbursement:
 - Expired certification periods and authorizations can be backdated, within a 30-day period, to the date of the disaster to prevent a gap or disruption in payment.
 - Invoices submitted at the end of the 12-month period allowed for invoice submission can be accepted for one month following the disaster.
- When/if a child care facility is unable to provide child care due to damage to the facility or lack of staff or children, the provider's authorization for payment will be closed effective the day the facility stops providing child care. The family's case may remain open.

Provide Uninterrupted WCCC and SCC Subsidy Certification Periods and Authorizations

Systems needed to continue function:

- Barcode and Working Connections Automated Program (WCAP)
- SSPS

Steps to reestablish function:

- If authorization for a family living in the disaster area is expiring and their provider is operational and:
 - Licensed – the family's certification period and authorization may be extended for two months
 - Exempt (in-home/relative providers) – the parent must contact DCYF to initiate a two-month extension. The extension can start when the authorization expired if care was provided during that time. Note: Extensions do not require new background checks for license-exempt in-home/relative providers
- The certification and authorization period can be extended whether the family is participating in the previously approved eligible activity. If the family non-working, they may qualify under job search.
- The families who receive a two-month extension will be notified of their continued subsidy eligibility.
- If a provider is non-operational, the authorization can be changed to another provider at the request of the family without needing to go through an eligibility redetermination. A family choosing a license-exempt in-home/relative provider will need to follow the current procedures for license-exempt in-home/relative provider approval.
- If a provider is non-operational, the provider will be sent an authorization termination notice.

Continue the Determination of Initial and Pending Eligibility Requests for CCSP

Systems needed to continue function:

- Call Center staff, phones, FamLink computer system, Barcode/WCAP and SSPS
- Child care licensing staff to input operational status of facilities, into FamLink and WA Compass
- License exempt staff to input provider status into WA Compass

Steps to reestablish function:

- DCYF call centers somewhere in the state will continue to operate
- Eligibility workers will accept applications and available documentation from families in the affected area. If verification is not available, workers will advise the families that they will determine eligibility and authorize care based on verbal information. A request will be made for

the actual verification to be provided within 60 days. (If the verification varies from the reported information or is not provided, the department may not establish an overpayment for the 60 days of child care provided)

- DCYF will follow current procedures for reporting possible fraudulent activities/actions
- Certification periods and authorizations for families without documentation will be approved for up to 60 consecutive days
- Parents will be informed that if the verification differs from the verbal information provided, the family's copayment and/or eligibility may change at recertification
- If parents cannot provide the needed verification within the timeframe requested, the child care authorization will be closed on a case-by-case basis
- If parents provide the requested verification within the timeframe requested, the child care will be authorized for a full 12 months, not including the 60 consecutive days that were approved

Note: Disaster relief provided to families is considered a compensatory award and will not be considered a countable income.

Continue the Processing of In-Home/Relative Providers

Systems needed to continue function:

- WA Compass
- MERIT
- DCYF Background Check Portal
- Background Check Central Unit (BCCU)

Steps to reestablish function:

- Accept and process applications for new license-exempt in-home/relative providers following the normal process.
- If any of the above-mentioned systems are non-functional, new in-home/relative providers' applications cannot be processed.

Determine if Changes to Existing Child Care Licensing WACs or RCWs are Needed

Steps to implement response:

- DCYF will determine whether to make reconditions to change child care subsidy WACs or RCWs
- The Child Care Statewide Licensing Administrator will determine which process to use to change WACs or RCWs (Options to Change WACs or RCWs in the Event of a Disaster – Appendix 3, page 29)

Regulations that may be considered for change following a disaster:

- Declaring families affected by the disaster a priority population. This would only make a difference if the state has a child care subsidy waitlist for services at the time of a disaster
- Extending allowable work search periods
- Suspending background check requirements specific to Washington State clearances

Child Care Subsidies and Families in Disasters

Table 5

Family Subsidy Status	Work Status	Homeless?	Subsidy Action
Currently using Child Care Subsidy Programs	Workplace is destroyed; cannot work	N/A	Continue as is
Authorizations NOT expiring within two months	Working	N/A	Continue as is
Currently using Child Care Subsidy Programs	Working or looking for work	N/A	Extend authorization for two months
Authorization is expiring within two months	Workplace is destroyed; cannot work	N/A	Extend authorization for two months
New families applying for subsidies	Working	No	Authorize Child Care Subsidy
		Yes	Authorize Child Care Subsidy. May need to waive documentation WACs for four months (or more on a case by case basis)
	Looking for work	No	Do not qualify
		Yes	Authorize Child Care Subsidy. May need to waive documentation WACs for four months (or more on a case by case basis).
	Not working or looking for work and experiencing homelessness	Yes	Authorize Child Care Subsidy. May need to waive documentation WACs for four months (or more on a case by case basis).

Chapter 4: Temporary, Respite and Emergency Child Care

Child Care may be needed in a variety of settings, post-disaster:

- Temporary shelter sites, such as ARC shelters, for children accompanied by parents or legal guardians only
- Service centers offering assistance to survivors, such as the Washington Disaster Assistance Center
- New child care locations outside of the disaster zone, both center and family home child care

DCYF has limited authority over temporary, respite and emergency child care based on the governing statutory and legislative authorities. However, in an emergency, DCYF can provide technical assistance to agencies that may be brought in to augment needed child care and, if necessary, can expedite helping them through the licensing process.

Child Care in Shelters and Disaster Recovery Centers

- State law differentiates between child care agencies or homes that provide formal child care and those that do not. For example, informal care may involve neighbors and friends who are not paid, the care lasts less than 24 hours and does not occur on a regularly scheduled basis ([RCW 43.216.010](#)). Or it may involve a situation where the parent or legal guardian of the child remains on the premises where the care is taking place for periods of less than 24 hours, such as in a disaster shelter. Informal care does not require that the provider be licensed.
- In a disaster, ARC may provide a mass care response, including temporary sheltering, mass feeding, water and emergency supplies. ARC does not generally allow formal child care in its shelters, but does allow informal or “respite” care, where the parents are either on the premises or have given consent to another shelter member to look after their child.
- Non-profit voluntary organizations including the Church of the Brethren’s Children’s Disaster Services and Save the Children may be called upon to provide respite care for children in shelters, where a section of the shelter facility is designated for children only and supervised by volunteers who have had background checks.
- Washington State ARC has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Children’s Disaster Services and Save the Children to provide informal respite child care in its shelters when needed. In this instance, the parents must remain onsite but are free to pursue essential recovery activities. Save the Children has developed a shelter checklist for infant, toddler and children’s supplies.

Chapter 5: Communication

Communication Protocols

Critical points for communication:

- DCYF is the official disseminator of state-level information about child care following a disaster. This includes information distributed via social media.
- Disseminated information, including revised child care rules and policies, should flow from DCYF to the stakeholder agencies, especially CCA of WA who can forward the information to providers and families, as appropriate.
- It is recognized that child care providers are one of the best purveyors of emergency-related information to families after a disaster.
- DCYF is responsible for consolidating provider and family information for release to ACF, EOC, etc. This information will be collected using the Initial Assessment of Child Care Providers Following a Disaster form (Appendix 5, page 31). At DCYF’s discretion, and/or at the request of the state EOC, DCYF staff will add information about the child care infrastructure such as the disaster impact to DCYF offices, impact to the child care facilities, resources needed to resume services, anticipated date of a fully operational child care infrastructure post-disaster or any other related information.
- Final recommendations about RCW revisions are made by DCYF.
- Relationships are essential for communication following a disaster. One of the critical outcomes of the preparedness phase is the establishment of relationships with partner agencies and within departments, including regular distribution of the contact list.
- After a disaster, a review of the communication protocols will be included in the after-action report to determine what can be improved.

Communication with Families Utilizing Child Care and Child Care Providers During a Disaster

Table 6

Issue	DCYF	CCA of WA
Status of child care providers and referrals to providers	Update provider database; may issue press/web updates for public about status of child care providers in impacted area	Update database for child care referrals based on DCYF assessment of providers
Subsidy Authorizations: New and Continued	May issue press/web updates to public and partner agencies regarding subsidy availability and/or changes in policies	State office and local CCAs provide information to families on updated policies and subsidy information
Emergency/Temporary Child Care	May issue press/web updates to public	Provide information to families regarding emergency and temporary child care resources
Public Health and Environmental Issues	Receive key information from Public Health or Department of Health; post on web; disseminate info to partner agencies and providers via email	Distribute health information to providers and families (using providers as the conduit)

<p>Disaster Assistance Available to Families and Providers</p>	<p>Receive information from FEMA and other federal agencies providing assistance. Post on the web; disseminate information to partner agencies and providers via email</p>	<p>Distribute disaster assistance information to providers and families (using providers as the conduit)</p>
<p>Mental Health Issues</p>	<p>Receive information from ACF and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration. Post on web; disseminate information to partner agencies and providers via email</p>	<p>Distribute mental health information to providers and families (using providers as the conduit)</p>
<p>Reunification of Children</p>	<p>Share information with partner agencies and providers related to the reunification of children and families. The information may be from the Nat'l Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Red Cross, etc.</p>	<p>Distribute information regarding the reunification of children and families with providers</p>

Chapter 6: Training and Exercise, Document Maintenance and After-Action Reports

Training and Exercise

It is helpful if the ESF 6 liaison is knowledgeable in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which is used by emergency management to coordinate resources during an emergency.

NIMS compliance requires the following FEMA Emergency Management Institute independent study (IS) courses, which can be accessed online at <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

- IS-100 (Introduction to Incident Command System)
- IS-200 [Basic Incident Command System (ICS)]
- IS-700 (Introduction to the National Incident Management System)
- IS-800 (Introduction to the National Response Framework)

In addition, the following courses are encouraged for agency identified staff who may be involved in disaster response:

- IS-806 (ESF #6: Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services)
- IS-36: Multi-hazard Planning for Childcare
- IS-366: Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters

To test and evaluate this plan exercises will be conducted by DCYF management so the plan is understood and works as intended. A specific exercise plan will be developed separately but will include at least one tabletop exercise each year testing understanding of roles and responsibilities.

Document Maintenance

DCYF will designate appropriate staff to conduct a review of the plan on an annual basis and after a disaster, with vetting and input from parties involved with its implementation. The DCYF CCDF Administrator or designee ensures that necessary changes and revisions to the plan are prepared, coordinated, published and distributed.

The DCYF CCDF Administrator will establish a schedule for annual review and updating of the plan. The plan may undergo an earlier revision based upon improvements identified during actual emergency situations or exercises or when changes in threat hazards, resources and capabilities or government structure occur.

Appendix 1: Acronyms

Acronym	Abbreviated For
ACF	Administration for Children and Families (federal)
AFRS	Agency Financial Reporting System (state)
ARC	American Red Cross
CCA of WA	Child Care Aware of Washington
CCSP	Child Care Subsidy Programs
CCDF	Child Care and Development Fund
CCEPG	Child Care Emergency Preparedness Group
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
CSD	Community Services Division
CSO	Community Service Office (state)
DCYF	Department of Children, Youth, and Families (state)
DOH	Department of Health (state)
DSHS	Department of Social & Health Services (state)
ECEAP	Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (state)
EMD	Emergency Management Division (state)
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESA	Economic Services Administration (state)
ESF	Emergency Support Function
FAMLINK	FamLink is the data system shared by DSHS and DCYF
FEMA	Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services (federal)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
ICS	Incident Command System
IVR	Interactive Voice Response
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
SSPS	Social Services Payment System (state)
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
WAC	Washington Administrative Code
WCAP	Working Connections Automated Program (state)

Appendix 2: Legal Authorities

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990

- Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104- 193)
- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-199)
- 45 CFR, Parts 98 and 99 (Child Care and Development Fund Final Rule)

Revised Code of Washington (RCW)

43.06.010	Governor's Emergency Powers
43.216	Department of Early Learning
43.216.010	Definitions.
43.216.135	Working connections child care program—Subsidy requirements—Tiered reimbursements
43.216.137	Copayments.
43.216.139	Working connections child care program—Unemployment compensation.
43.216.141	Working connections child care program—Notification of change in providers.
43.216.143	Working connections child care program—Standards and guidelines—Duties of the department— Duties of the department of social and health services.
43.216.250	Working connections child care program—Contracted child care slots and vouchers.
43.216.255	Secretary's licensing duties.
43.216.260	Licensing standards.
43.216.265	Minimum requirements for licensure.
43.216.270	Fire protection—Powers and duties of chief of the Washington state patrol.
43.216.271	Character, suitability, and competence to provide child care and early learning services— Fingerprint criminal history record checks—Background check clearance card or certificate— Shared background checks.
43.216.272	Background check clearance registry—Background application form.
43.216.273	Fee for developing and administering individual-based/portable background check clearance registry.
43.216.280	Individual-based/portable background check clearance account.
43.216.285	Licensed day care centers—Notice of pesticide use.
43.216.290	Articles of incorporation.
43.216.295	Access to agencies—Records inspection.
43.216.300	License required.
43.216.305	License fees.
43.216.310	License application—Nonexpiring licenses—Issuance, renewal, duration.
43.216.315	License renewal.
43.216.320	Initial licenses.
43.216.325	Probationary licenses.
43.216.327	Licenses—Denial, suspension, revocation, modification, nonrenewal—Proceedings—Penalties.
43.216.335	Licenses—Denial, revocation, suspension, or modification—Notice—Effective date of action— Adjudicative proceeding.
43.216.340	Civil fines—Notice—Adjudicative proceeding.
43.216.360	Licensure pending compliance with state building code, chapter 19.27 RCW—Consultation with local officials.
43.216.365	Unlicensed providers—Notification to agency—Penalty—Posting on web site.

Washington Administrative Code

Title 110 WAC	Department of Children, Youth and Families
Chapter 110-06	DEL Background Check Rules
Chapter 110-15	Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care Subsidy Programs
Chapter 110-16	License Exempt Care – Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFN) In-Home/Relative Child Care Providers
Chapter 110-300	Foundational Quality Standards for Early Learning Programs
Chapter 110-305	Licensed School Age Child Care Standards
Chapter 110-425	Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

Privacy Rule Promulgated Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

The Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (“Privacy Rule”) establishes, for the first time, a set of national standards for the protection of certain health information. The department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued the Privacy Rule to implement the requirement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”). The Privacy Rule standards address the use and disclosure of individuals’ health information called “protected health information” by organizations subject to the Privacy Rule, called “covered entities,” as well as standards for individuals’ privacy rights to understand and control how their health information is used.

Appendix 3: Options to Change WACs or RCWs in the Event of a Disaster

Exception to Rule

- An exception to rule allows DCYF to adapt a rule for a specific purpose, child or family situation. It is time-limited and may not exceed the specific time period approved by DCYF. For licensed providers, the provider must post notice of the approved exception with other notices for parent and public view, unless the exception is for a specific child.
- An exception to rule must be provided in writing or electronically and follow the department procedure for submitting an exception to rule. For licensing, it is submitted by the licensee and is granted on a case-by-case basis. Subsidy exceptions to rule are on a case-by-case basis and approved by a Subsidy Policy Analyst.
- For emergency or disaster purposes, an exception to rule can be initiated to provide a temporary solution so a facility can still provide child care, or families can continue to receive child care subsidies. It assumes that the emergency or disaster has impacted the normal processes for the provider and/or staff that is monitoring licensed facilities or approving child care authorizations.

Emergency Rule

- An emergency rule suspends the normal rulemaking process in the case that a rule is needed for implementation of the budget or to protect the safety and well-being of children and families.
- Emergency rules can only be initiated by the DCYF Secretary or designee.
- Emergency rules could be initiated to temporarily address an emergency or disaster situation and are only valid for 120 days.

Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency

Under state statute, the Governor may proclaim a state of emergency when a public disorder, disaster, emergency or riot exists in the state that affects life, health, property or public peace. Typically, such proclamation follows the declaration of emergency by one or more county jurisdictions and/or tribes.

The Governor's proclamation is one method that state agencies have to revise state statutes or rules during emergencies. Typically, the proclamation is drafted by the Military Department for the Governor; state agencies communicate their requests for statutory or rule modifications to the Military Department for inclusion in the proclamation. The proclamation may also include:

- A brief description of the factual basis for the Governor's proclamation
- The geographic area affected by the emergency
- The beginning date of the emergency proclamation
- Specific instructions to state agencies

An example of a Proclamation by the Governor in response to a state of emergency may be found at http://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc_13-08.pdf.

Appendix 4: DCYF Early Learning Services Background Check

All employees and volunteers 16 years of age or older, working in licensed or certified child care settings and who have unsupervised access to children in child care and all license exempt in-home/relative care providers and household members of relative providers providing care in their home must get a DCYF background check. In addition, members of the household, 13 years of age or older, living in a licensed family child care home must get a DCYF background check.

These background checks include:

- FBI fingerprint check
- Child abuse and neglect registry and database check in Washington State
- A check against the sex offender registry in Washington State
- A check against all licensing databases in Washington for adverse licensing actions
- A check against the Washington State Patrol records
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC) National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR)
- Criminal registry or repository in any other state where the individual has resided in the past five years
- Sex offender registry or repository in any other state where the individual has resided in the past five years
- Child abuse and neglect registry and database in any other state where the individual has resided in the past five years

Appendix 5: Initial Assessment of Child Care Providers Following a Disaster

For use by DCYF Child Care Licensing staff when a licensed* facility has experienced an incident resulting in a disruption of operations due to a natural disaster.

**Includes certified, but not certified for payment only*

CONTACT INFORMATION			
Date	Time	Name of DCYF Staff Member	Communication Type (check one): Phone__Email__In person_Closed__
FACILITY INFORMATION (auto fill information from licensing database)			
PROVIDER NAME		PROVIDER ID	SSPS NUMBER
DOING BUSINESS AS		E-MAIL ADDRESS	
FACILITY TYPE		TELEPHONE NUMBER	LICENSED CAPACITY
FACILITY ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON		AGE RANGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE From: To:	
INCIDENT DETAILS			
Name & Title of Person Contacted		Date of Disaster	Nature of Disaster
Facility Status			
Y / N	Was the facility affected?		
	How?		
Y / N	Can you continue to provide care?		
	If yes, do you have any openings to accept new children within your licensed capacity?		If yes, how many?
	If no, cannot continue care because		
	If no, cannot provide care now, but expect to reopen.		Estimated date to reopen?
Do you have staff who are willing to work in another facility? Y / N If yes, how many?			
Do you need more staff in order to continue operations? Y / N If yes, how many?			
Are you willing to accept children whose care is subsidized by the state? Y / N			
During the disaster, were children or staff injured at your child care facility?			
Additional Comments: (e.g., what is your biggest need?)			
Facility not Affected Open		Temporary Closed Uncertain Status	Permanently Closed

Appendix 6: Federal Guidance Emergency Preparedness and Response for Child Care Services

Title	Subject
CCDF-ACF- IM-2011-01	Guidance to assist CCDF Lead Agencies in developing, exercising and maintaining written child care emergency preparedness and response plans pursuant to submission of the CCDF Plan http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/occ/im2011_01.pdf
CCDF-ACF- IM-2010-01	FEMA Disaster Assistance Fact Sheet 9580.107 – Public Assistance to Child Care Services http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/occ/im2010_01.pdf
ACYF-IM-CC-05-03	Flexibility in Spending CCDF Funds in Response to Federal or State Declared Emergency Situation http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/im-cc-05-03
FEMA Recovery Policy 9461.1	Disaster Assistance for Child Care, released January 17, 2014

Appendix 7: Resources

Emergency Preparedness

- FEMA: www.fema.gov / www.ready.gov
- American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/>
- Washington State Emergency Management Division: www.emd.wa.gov
- American Academy of Pediatrics Family Readiness Kit: https://www.aap.org/en-us/documents/disasters_family_readiness_kit.pdf

Child Care Providers

- Child Care Aware: www.childcareaware.org
- Free disaster planning toolkit for nonprofits and small businesses: www.drbotoolkit.org/wa-business/

Nongovernmental Organizations Supporting Children in Disasters

- American Red Cross: www.redcross.org
- Save the Children: www.savethechildren.org
- Church of the Brethren Children Disaster Services: <http://www.brethren.org/cds/>

Environmental Health and Child Care

- Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/childcare>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/>

Children's Mental Health and Disasters

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: www.samhsa.gov

FEMA Child Care Services

- Child Care Assistance: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/133703>

Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR) Resource Lists

- Early Childhood Disaster-Related Resources: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr/early-childhood
- Children and Youth Task Force
- Family Preparedness Booklet

Appendix 8: Child Care Aware Regional Program Offices in Washington State

<p>Child Care Aware of Northwest Washington Serves: Island/San Juan/Whatcom/Skagit/ Snohomish Counties Opportunity Council 1111 Cornwall Ave, Suite 200 Bellingham, WA 98225 360.734.8396 website: www.oppc.org/ccrr email: childcare@oppc.org</p>	<p>Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington Serves: Asotin/Benton/Franklin/Columbia/ Garfield/ Lincoln/Pend Oreille/Spokane/ Stevens/Walla Walla/Whitman Counties Community-Minded Enterprises 25 W Main Suite 310 Spokane, WA 99201 800.446.2229 website: www.community-minded.org/child-care email: parentline@community-minded.org</p>
<p>Child Care Aware of King County houses the Family Center which provides statewide referrals for parents looking for child care statewide Serves: King County Child Care Resources 1225 S Weller St Seattle, WA 98144 206.329.1011 800-446-1114 (child care referral line) website: www.childcare.org email: ccr@childcare.org</p>	<p>Child Care Aware of Southwest Washington Serves: Pacific/Lewis/Clark/Cowlitz/ Klickitat/ Skamania/Wahkiakum Counties Educational Service District 112 2500 NE 65th Ave Vancouver, WA 98661 360-750-7429 website: www.esd112earlylearning.org email: ccrproviders@esd112.org</p>
<p>Child Care Aware of Tacoma/Pierce County Serves: Pierce County Child Care Resources 1225 S Weller St Seattle, WA 98144 206.329.1011 800-446-1114 (child care referral line) website: www.childcare.org email: ccr@childcare.org</p>	<p>Child Care Aware of Central Washington Serves: Adams/Chelan/Douglas/Ferry/ Okanogan/Grant/Kittitas/Yakima Counties Catholic Family and Child Service 5301 Tieton Dr. Suite C Yakima, WA 98908-3478 877.965.7109 website: http://ccrcentralwa.org/ email: ddarnell@ccyakima.org</p>
<p>Child Care Aware of the Olympic Peninsula Serves: Clallam/Jefferson/Kitsap/ Grays Harbor/Mason/Thurston Counties Child Care Action Council PO Box 446 Olympia, WA 98507 360.786.8907 website: http://www.ccacwa.org/ email: rnr@ccacwa.org</p>	<p>Child Care Aware of WA Network Office 1551 Broadway, Suite 300 Tacoma, WA 98402 253-383-1735 or 1-866-416-4321 www.wa.childcareaware.org</p>

Appendix 9: Emergency Support Functions

The Washington State Emergency Support Functions as Defined in Their Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan²

- ESF 1 Transportation
- ESF 2 Communications
- ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering
- ESF 4 Firefighting
- ESF5 Emergency Management
- ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF 7 Logistics Management and Resource Support
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- ESF 13 Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Security
- ESF 15 External Affairs
- ESF 20 Defense Support to Civil Authorities

² <https://mil.wa.gov/plans>

Appendix 10: DCYF Child Care Licensing Office

Office Location	Address	Phone Numbers
Department of Children, Youth & Families State Office Mail Stop: 40970	1500 Jefferson St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 40975, Olympia, WA 98504-0970	360.725.4665 Toll-free: 1.866.482.4325
Aberdeen Mail Stop: W14-4	415 W. Wishkah, Suite A3 Aberdeen, WA 98520	360.537.4312 (phone) Toll-free: 1.800.451.9994 x3 360.533.9236 (fax)
Bellevue Mail Stop: NB-80	805 156th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA 98007-4614	425.590.3100 (phone) 425.649.4066 (fax)
Bellingham Mail Stop: N/A	4101 Meridian St., Bellingham, WA 98226	360.685.8701 (phone) 360.676.2088 (fax)
Everett Mail Stop: TB-98	1000 SE Everett Mall Way Suite 204, Everett, WA 98208	425.740.6871 (phone) 425.514.5465 (fax)
Kelso Mail Stop: S8-9	711 Vine St. Kelso, WA 98626 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 330, Kelso, WA 98626	360.501.2645 (phone) 360.577.2382 (fax)
Mount Vernon Mail Stop: N/A	900 E College Way, Suite 100 Mount Vernon, WA 98273 Mailing Address: 4101 Meridian St. Bellingham, WA 98226	360.714.4118 (phone) Toll-free: 1.800.344.8219 360.714.4205 (fax)
Olympia Mail Stop: 40972	Republic Building 505 Union Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 40972, Olympia, WA 98504-0972	360.407.1992 (phone) Toll-free: 1.877.487.4866 360.407.1990 (fax)
Port Angeles Mail Stop: N/A	201 W 1st St., Suite 2, Port Angeles, WA 98362	360.405.5822 (phone) 360.782.5069 (fax)
Renton/Seattle/Kent Mail Stop: TB-99	800 Oakesdale Ave. SW Renton, WA 98057	425.917.7941 (phone) 425.228.6057 (fax)
Silverdale Mail Stop: N/A	3888 NW Randall Way, Silverdale, WA 98383	360.698.4388 (phone) 360.698.4398 (fax)
Spokane Mail Stop: N/A	4202 S. Regal St. Spokane, WA 99223	509.789.3820 (phone) 509.789.3821 (fax)
Tacoma Mail Stop: WT-14	1949 S. State St. Tacoma, WA 98405	253.983.6400 (phone) Toll-free: 1.888.583.7254 253.597.3640 (fax)
Tri-Cities Mail Stop: N/A	3924 W. Court St. Pasco, WA 99301	509.544.5705 (phone) 509.544.5792 (fax)
Vancouver Mail Stop: S6-9	907 Harney St. Vancouver, WA 98660 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 9809, Vancouver, WA 98666	360.418.6118 (fax) 360.993.7946 (phone)
Wenatchee Mail Stop: N/A	805 S. Mission St. Wenatchee, WA 98801	509.665.5289 (phone) 509.664.3182 (fax)
Yakima Mail Stop: N/A	111 S. 2nd Ave. Yakima, WA 98902 Mailing Address: 33 S. 2nd Ave. Yakima, WA 98902	509.834.6847 (phone) 509.834.6850 (fax)

Appendix 11: Disaster Health and Safety Review Forms

Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes

Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes WAC 110-300			Compliance Y/N
0145	Licensed outdoor space	Safe and free of hazards. Fences, barriers, and gates in good condition	
0146	Outdoor play equipment and surfaces	Must be safe. Climbing play equipment must not be placed on or above concrete, asphalt, packed soil, lumber, or similar hard surfaces. Swings and play equipment intended for climbing must have acceptable ground cover which includes: Pea gravel – at least 9 inches deep; Playground wood chips – at least 9 inches deep; Shredded recycled rubber – at least 6 inches deep; or any material that has a certificate compliance, label, or documentation stating it meets ASTM standards F1292-13 and F2223-10	
0165	Indoor Temperature	Temperature must be between 68-82 degrees Fahrenheit	
	Window Coverings	With pull cords or inner cords capable of forming a loop are prohibited. May not be secured to the frame of an emergency window or door if it would prevent the window or door from opening easily	
	Area lighting	Must provide appropriate illumination for early learning activities and supervision.	
	Electrical outlets, cords, and surge protectors	Outlets must be tamper resistant and have automatic shutters that only allow electrical plugs to be inserted. Electrical cords must be in good working condition and plugged directly into a wall outlet or surge protector. Extension cords may be used for a brief temporary purpose. Power strips with surge protectors must be inaccessible to children.	
	Guns and Weapons	Ensure guns, firearms, weapons and ammunition are not on a child care center’s premises. If guns, firearms, weapons, and ammunition are on family home premises, must be stored in a locked room inaccessible to children. Guns must be stored unloaded with a trigger lock or other disabling device.	
0166	Emergency flashlight	Working flashlight available—extra batteries if applicable	
	Telephone	Must have a working telephone with sufficient power backup for at least five hours	
	Exit doors	Must remain unlocked from the inside. Exit doors not designated as an emergency exit may be locked. Exit doors must not be blocked	

Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes WAC 110-300			Compliance Y/N
0170	Flammable materials	Combustible material stored in closed metal container or removed from building. Flammable materials stored inaccessible to children	
	Furnaces	Inaccessible to children. Rubbish, combustible materials at least 3 feet away	
	Open flame devices, candles, matches and lighters	Inaccessible to children and not used during operating hours	
	Portable heaters and generators	Portable heaters and fuel powered generators prohibited inside the home or building during operating hours	
	Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors	Maintained and working with backup method	
	Fire extinguisher	Maintained, working, and readily available	
0175	Water hazards and swimming pools	Swimming pools when not being used as part of the early learning program, hot tubs, spas, jet tubs, ponds, lakes, storm retention ponds, ditches, fountains, fish ponds, landscape pools or similar bodies of water and uncovered wells, septic tanks, wastewater, wastewater tanks, below grade storage tanks, farm manure ponds and other similar hazards on the licensed premises must all be inaccessible to children. For bodies of water not located in the early learning space there must be a physical barrier to make those bodies of water inaccessible to children.	
0185	Food must meet USDA guidelines	Meals and snack foods served according to the current edition of the U.S. Department of Agriculture – child and adult care food program (CACFP) or the USDA National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program standards.	
0190	Written food plans	Needed to accommodate a child’s special need or diet, religious, cultural, family preference, or other needs. Must supplement meals brought from home if they don’t meet USDA CACFP requirements.	
0197	Safe food practices	Properly store, cook, hold food, and wash dishes Leftover food properly stored and served Refrigerator 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less Foods required to be frozen at 10 degrees Fahrenheit or less	
0198	Food preparation areas	Must clean and sanitize food prep areas and eating surfaces before and after each use. Have proper method for dishwashing. Ensure kitchen is safe and children are supervised in kitchen	

Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes WAC 110-300			Compliance Y/N
0200	Handwashing	Staff must follow and teach children proper hand-washing procedures—warm water, soap and single-use towels or air hand dryer. Hands washed at required times	
0205	Child, staff, and household illness	Assess risk of illness to determine if child, staff member, or household member must be sent home or isolated from children in care. Obtain written permission of health provider for individual to return after being diagnosed with contagious disease	
0215	Medication storage	Safe medication storage inaccessible to children	
	Medication administration	Written permission from parent administer pursuant to directions on the medical label. Medication log is kept current	
0220	Bathrooms	At least one indoor bathroom in the licensed space with a working flush-type toilet, toilet paper dispenser appropriate height and size for children, or platform that is safe, easily cleanable and resistant to moisture. Child care centers must have one working toilet and sink for every 15 children and staff. Sinks must be appropriate height and size for children, or platform that is safe, easily cleanable and resistant to moisture. Ventilated by opened window or an exhaust fan.	
0221	Diaper changing areas	Must be separate from areas where food is prepared or served. Have a sink with hot and cold running water; not used for food preparation and clean up. Must have hands free and covered container for diaper disposal.	
0225	Pet waste	Litter boxes and designated outdoor areas used for pet waste inaccessible to children. Indoor and outdoor play space cleaned and disinfected where animal or bird waste or vomit is present prior to access by children	
0230	First-aid supplies	Must have a first aid kit in licensed space with contents described in WAC	
0235	Private well and water system	Water testing and system repair records – if applicable	
0236	Safe drinking water	Must offer multiple times throughout the day Be served in a manner that prevents contamination	
0240	Clean and healthy environment	Child care equipment and environment must be cleaned; sanitized and disinfected	
0241	Cleaning schedules	Must follow appropriate cleaning schedules	
0250	Private septic system inspection and maintenance	Septic system inspection and maintenance records – if applicable	
0260	Hazardous and maintenance supplies	Must ensure all poisonous or dangerous substances, janitorial equipment, and maintenance supplies are stored inaccessible to children	

Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes WAC 110-300			Compliance Y/N
0265	Where children may sleep	A mat, cot or other approved sleeping equipment is provided for each child	
0280	Infant bottles	Clean bottles and nipples before use using warm soapy water and a bottlebrush and sanitize by boiling in hot water for one minute, or pursuant to WAC 110-300-0198; Clean and sanitize the sink used for preparing bottles Obtain water from a sink used for bottle or food preparation only, or from another approved source, such as bottled water. Water from a handwashing or diaper changing sink may not be used for bottle preparation. Use bottles and nipples in good repair (with no cracks)	
0345	Supervision	Must attend to children and be aware of what they are doing at all times; be available to promptly assist or redirect a child as necessary, and ensure no child is left unattended. Must only allow specified persons to have unsupervised access to a child in care	
0355	Capacity, ratio, group size for Family Homes	Must not exceed total capacity or age range stated on license at any time. All children on the licensed premises count in capacity. Refer to WAC for specific ratio. Qualified staff must be present per WAC.	
0356	Capacity, ratio, group size for Centers	Must not exceed total capacity or age range stated on license at any time. All children on the licensed premises count in capacity. Must have the correct number of qualified staff to meet staff to child ratios in each age group at all times. Refer to WAC for specific group sizes and ratios	
0357	Center mixed age group capacity, ratio and group size	Refer to WAC for specifics on mixing age groups.	
0420	Drugs, smoking, and alcohol	Smoking, vaping, similar activities prohibited in the home, in outdoor or indoor licensed space, within 25 feet from entrance, exit window or ventilation or in vehicle when transporting children. Tobacco products and containers holding cigarette butts, cigar butts, or ashes are inaccessible to children. Storage of tobacco, cannabis, alcohol, and prescription drugs is inaccessible to children.	
0455	Child attendance records	Daily attendance records kept for each child with required signature, dates, and times. Staff names counted to meet staff to child ratio.	
0460	Child records	Ensure records are current and up to date and kept confidential. Must have emergency contact information or a written and signed emergency plan.	
0475	Duty to protect children and report incidents.	Must report suspected child abuse and neglect along with other serious injuries and reporting requirements found within the WAC	
0500	Health Policy	Ensure policy content is current and being followed	

School-Age Program Disaster Health and Safety Review

School-Age Programs WAC 110-305			Compliance Y/N
1375	Private septic system—inspection and maintenance	Septic system inspection and maintenance records – if applicable	
1400	Private well and water system	Water testing and system repair records – if applicable	
2125	Child attendance records	Daily attendance records kept for each child with required signature, dates, and times	
2575	Flammable materials	Combustible material stored in closed metal container or removed from building. Flammable materials inaccessible to children	
2600	Furnaces	Inaccessible to children	
2675	Open flame devices, candles, matches and lighters	Inaccessible to children and not used during operating hours	
2700	Emergency flashlight	Working flashlight available—extra batteries if applicable	
2725	Portable Heaters and Generators	Portable heaters and fuel powered generators prohibited inside any licensed area during operating hours	
2775	Telephone	Must have a working telephone	
3000	Fire extinguisher	Maintained, working, and readily available	
3325	Medication storage	Storage of prescription, nonprescription and rescue medications in locked container or cabinet and inaccessible to children	
3375	Medication permission	Written permission from parent	
3625	Hand washing	Staff must follow and teach children proper hand-washing procedures—warm water, soap and single-use towels are available	
3925	Cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting licensed space	Child care equipment and environment must be cleaned; sanitized and disinfected according to the table in WAC	
4000	Lead, asbestos, arsenic and other hazards	Take action to prevent child exposure to lead paint, plumbing containing lead, asbestos, arsenic or lead in soil or drinking water, toxic mold, or other identified toxins or hazardous materials	
4025	Drugs and alcohol	Must not allow or allow others to: Have or use illegal drugs on the premises Consume alcohol during operating hours; or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or misused prescription drugs when working with or in the presence of children in care	
4050	No smoking	Smoking prohibited during operating hours; in outdoor or indoor licensed space, within 25 feet from entrance, exit window or ventilation or in vehicle when transporting children	

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School-Age Programs WAC 110-305			Compliance Y/N
4075	First aid kit	Must have a complete first aid kit at all times with contents described in WAC	
4100	Poisons, chemicals and other substances	Stored inaccessible to children	
4250	Indoor temperature	Must be no less than: 65° Fahrenheit and no higher than 75° in the winter or 82° during the summer	
4300	Window coverings	With pull cords or inner cords capable of forming a loop are prohibited as provided by RCW 43.215.360. May not be secured to the frame of an emergency window or door if it would prevent the window or door from opening easily	
4350	Electrical outlets, cords and power strips	Electrical cords must be secured, in good working order and plugged directly into an outlet or a surge protector. Outlets must be tamper resistant	
4360	Area lighting	All areas of the facility must have natural or artificial lighting that provides adequate illumination	
4475	Emergency exit pathways	Pathways to all emergency exits must be kept free from clutter and obstructions and pathways to emergency exits are in licensed space	
4550	Emergency exit windows	If a protective guard is used, it must not block outdoor light and the window and guard, if provided, must be equipped to enable staff to release the guard and open the window fully when emergency exit is required	
4625	Toileting Facility	At least one working flush-type toilet for 30 children, mounted toilet paper dispenser, toilet paper for each toilet; and privacy for toileting for children of the opposite sex. Ventilated by opened window or an exhaust fan	
4635	Hand washing sinks	Must be located in or immediately outside of rooms used for toileting; areas for food prep; must have soap, warm water and paper towels or heated-air hand drying device	
4700	Water temperature	Temperature must be at least sixty degrees Fahrenheit and not more than one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit	
4725	Guns and other weapons	Guns or other weapons are prohibited on the premises	
4900	Pet waste	All animal wastes and litter must be disposed of immediately in a way where children cannot come into contact with the material. Fish tank water and animal waste must not be disposed in sinks used by children or staff	
4925	Licensed outdoor space	Must be safe	
5000	Play equipment	Must be safe	

School-Age Programs WAC 110-305			Compliance Y/N
5225	Bodies of water or water hazards on the licensed premises	“Body of water” does not include a wading pool as defined in WAC 170-297-5150 through 170-296A-5250, a water activity table, small bird baths or rain puddles with a water depth of two inches or less Body of water must be made inaccessible to children with a physical barrier	
5600	Staff-to-child ratio	Provide qualified staff to fulfill the staffing requirements and ratios at all times during all operating hours, including off-site trips or when transporting children in care Staff to child ratio is 1:15 at all times	
5625	Capacity	Program must not exceed the total number or ages of children in attendance as stated on license	
5750	Supervising children	Provide required staffing levels, staff to child ratios, and supervision for the number of children in attendance	
6275	Abuse and neglect— protection and training	Licensee and staff must protect the children, report suspected or actual abuse or neglect and train staff on prevention and mandatory reporting requirements of child abuse and neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020; and RCW 26.44.030	
7500	Food must meet USDA guidelines	Meals and snack foods served according to the current edition of the U.S. Department of Agriculture – child and adult care food program (CACFP) charts	
7575	Drinking water	Must supply safe drinking water for the children	
7700	Washing dishes	Hand washing method, emersion in hot soapy water, rinse, sanitize and air dry or automatic dishwasher	