

House Bill 2556

Early Learning Providers – Training



HB 2556 requires the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) to:

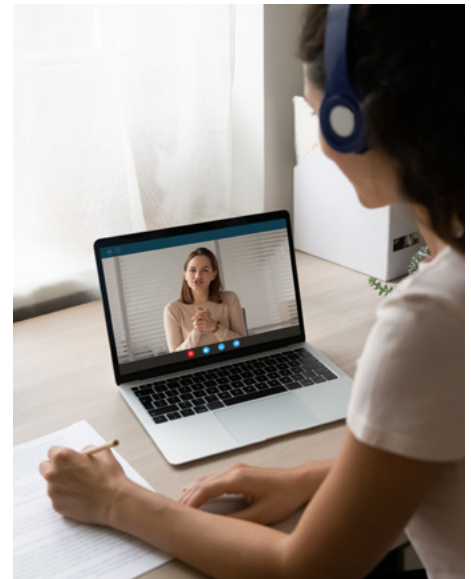
The Washington State Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 2556 during the 2020 legislative session. This bill will establish an accessible, affordable instructional program that satisfies licensure requirements for early learning providers. For more information online, go to tinyurl.com/HB2556.

- (1) Implement a non-credit bearing, community-based training pathway by July 1, 2021.
- (2) Consult with named stakeholders.
- (3) Create a community-based training pathway that must:
 - a. Align with core competencies.
 - b. Be available in multiple languages.
 - c. Include culturally relevant practices.
 - d. Be available at low cost to child care providers.
 - e. Be accessible in rural and urban settings.
- (4) DCYF shall allow licensed child care providers until at least Aug. 1, 2026, to comply with licensing rules that require a provide to hold an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Initial or Short Certificate.
- (5) DCYF and the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) must collaborate to develop a plan to allow community-based training to qualify for college credit and submit a plan to the Governor by Dec. 1, 2021.



Did you know...

Early learning providers in Washington State have multiple ways to meet their education requirement for staff qualifications. To learn more about the other options available, review the Equivalent Options for Education online at tinyurl.com/EducationEquivalents.



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Timeline

DCYF's timeline consists of working with multiple stakeholders and named partners in order to inform a community-based training model to meet the education requirement for roles that need an initial or short certificate for licensing.

Questions?

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