

Negotiated Rule Making (NRM)



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What is Negotiated Rule Making (NRM):

As required under the D.S. Settlement Agreement, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) will be amending both the Group Care (110-145) and Foster Care (110-148) Washington Administrative Code (WAC). For more information on the D.S. Settlement Agreement, go to <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ds-settlement>. Negotiated Rule Making (NRM) is a collaborative way to develop rules by seeking consensus from groups made up of similar parties that are impacted by the rules.

★ BENEFITS OF NRM:

- ▶ Provide greater public access to rulemaking.
- ▶ Create more culturally and developmentally appropriate rules.
- ▶ Better understanding of rule intent.
- ▶ Increased compliance with rules.

🗉 WHERE IS NRM TAKING PLACE?

We will be using a hybrid design which includes email, website, Zoom, and in-person meetings that will rotate throughout the state.

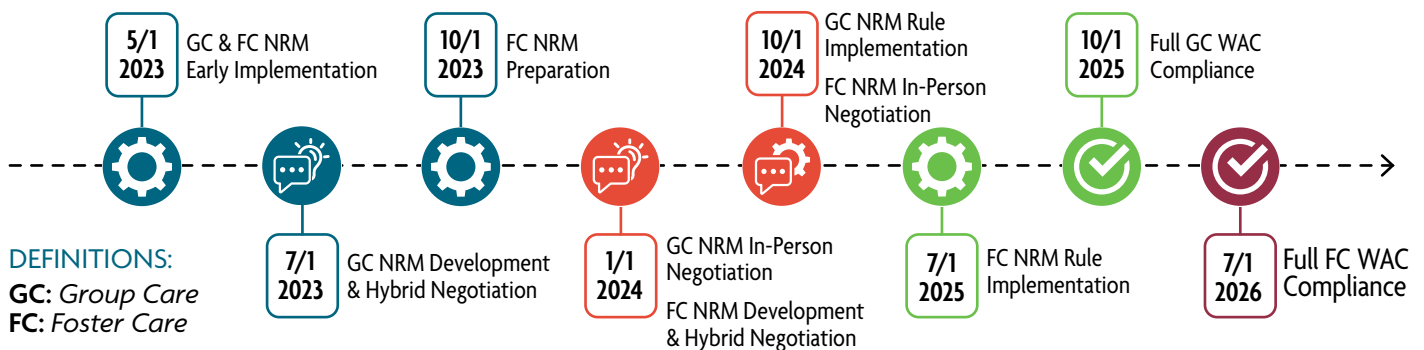
Group Care NRM Timeline:

- ▶ Education and Hybrid Negotiation: **July 1, 2023 – Dec. 30, 2023**
- ▶ In-person Negotiation: **Jan. 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024**
- ▶ Training and Implementation: **Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025**

Foster Care NRM Timeline:

- ▶ Education and Hybrid Negotiation: **Jan. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2024**
- ▶ In-person Negotiation: **Oct. 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025**
- ▶ Training and Implementation: **July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**

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