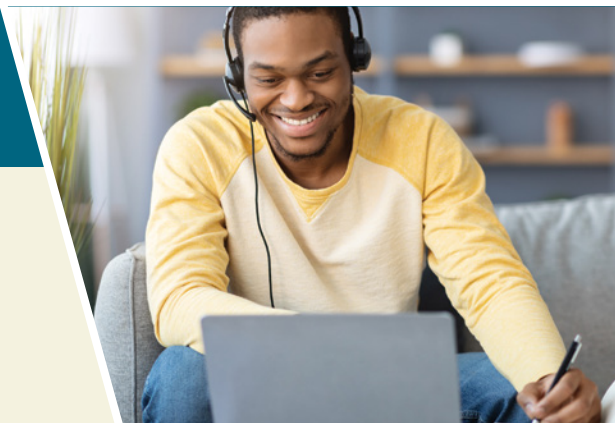


Group Care Licensing Rules Are Changing: Training Available Spring 2025

DCYF recently amended the Group Care WAC 110-145 (<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=110-145>) as part of the D.S. Settlement (<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ds-settlement>).

Training featuring these changes will be available beginning Spring 2025 for staff and impacted parties.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ▶ DCYF Group Care Regional Licensing staff
- ▶ Licensed Group Care Providers
- ▶ Anyone interested or impacted is welcome to attend

TRAINING BENEFITS

By understanding the intent of the amended group care licensing rules, training attendees will be better equipped to maintain compliance with new requirements when they go live and understand how they will lead to better outcomes for youth.

TRAINING EVENTS AND DELIVERY

Trainings will be offered in a variety of ways such as instructor-led and eLearnings to make sure information is flexible and accessible for all attendees.

Look out for communication this fall on the Group Care NRM webpage (<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/group-care/nrm>) and in upcoming emails.

FOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The new group care WAC are the result of more than a year of intentional collaboration with State Licensed Group Care Providers, Licensing Division Staff, youth and parents with lived experience, Tribal partners, and other impacted parties as part of the D.S. Settlement. Each rule was written with four overarching goals:

1. **Prioritizing youth safety and well-being** above all else.
2. **Creating developmentally and culturally appropriate** rules that meet the needs of youth placed in out-of-home care.
3. Offering **differentiation and flexibility** between care settings to help support a variety of programs across the state serving children and youth with diverse needs.
4. **Minimizing barriers and reducing undue burden** for caregivers.

QUESTIONS?

- For field practice or program related questions email dcyf.groupcarequestions@dcyf.wa.gov
- For NRM process, rule intent, or training related questions email dcyf.groupcarenrm@dcyf.wa.gov

NRM GROUP CARE ROADMAP



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