

**Conference Title: Foundational Quality Standards/Providing a Foundation for Quality
(Preparing for the WAC Update)**

Date: May 18, 2019

Location: Green River College (Cascade Hall), 12401 SE 320th St, Auburn, WA 98092

The Washington State Family Child Care Association's Foundational Quality Standards Conference provides learning opportunities that are grounded in the ECE Core Competencies providing a foundation for quality.

Doors Open: 7:00 AM

Opening and Welcome 8:00 AM – 8:15 AM

Environment Health and Safety – (Health, Safety and Nutrition) 1 STARS

This training is especially important to teach the participants to understand ways to keep their programs safe and healthy environments for the children. The knowledge to be successful on a daily bases by implementing healthy and safety guidelines that will be introduced to the participants during this session. Some of the regulations will be similar to what we have done in the past but with the knowledge of the new rule's providers will ask questions to have a better understanding.

Professional Development (Professional Development) 1 STARS

This session will review the value of ongoing professional development for early learning professionals. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their professional role and consider professional development pathways for a plan that suits their unique needs. At the end DCYF will have a question and answer time so providers will leave with supportive guidance.

Exclusive Rules to Early Learning Programs (Program Planning and Development) 1 STARS

The Early Start Act required that DCYF consider the difference when writing the rules for a family home environment and a center environment. This session will highlight various rules that are exclusive only to certain environments. Knowing these differences will help the children adjust and learn in a mindful learning environment. Providers will have opportunity to ask questions to receive a better understanding.

WAC Activities (Interactive Stations) (Program Planning and Development) 1 STARS

This session will encourage all participants to engage children in active learning through a hands-on approach found in a variety of adult learning styles. These activities can be used for early learning programs submersing their own staff into the rules through creative and fun methods. Learning these

hands-on styles will guide the participants to make fun and engaging to the children and facilitating a foundation of quality care and emphasis on program leadership/management. A prepared and organized operation leads to the ability to focus on quality care and practice new skills within the context of individual differences and values, such as cultural perspectives and learning styles.

Family Engagement and Child Outcomes (Professional Development) 1 STARS

This session will focus on the purpose and importance of communicating with families, individual child progress and developmental growth, facilitating transitions to other settings by engaging families, individuals and programs and discuss how this occurs in their program.

Monitoring Checklist Tour **NO STARS CREDIT/Information Only**

This session will provide an update to changes in the monitoring checklist and protocol that will impact a licensing visit. Having this checklist will be a guidance to participants once a month to examine their environments and procedures to ensure the children's safety and learning environment is ideal.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM – WELCOME

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM – ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM – BREAK

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – EXCLUSIVE RULES TO ARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – LUNCH

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM - WAC ACTIVITIES (INTERACTIVE STATIONS)

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM - BREAK

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM - FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND CHILD OUTCOMES

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM – MONITORING CHECKLIST (**NO STARS – Information Only**)

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