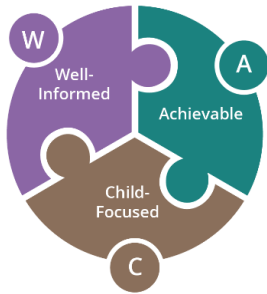


## Updated WACS are Well-Informed, Achievable with Support, and Child Focused!

The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) rules for early learning (center and family home child care) are updated. The updated rules, are in Chapter 110-300, WAC Foundational Quality Standards for Early Learning Programs, available at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=110-300>. They go into effect on August 1, 2019.



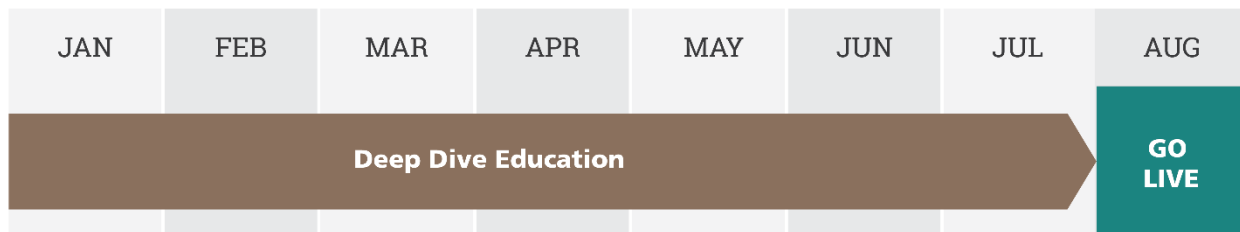
**The updated WACS are well-informed:** The Early Start Act, passed in 2015, required Washington to align licensing, Early Achievers and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). Through the work of an active Advisory Committee, 45 community meetings, 10 multi-day negotiated rulemaking sessions with teams of parents, providers, and licensors, and over 2000 public comments, these revised, updated WACS are **well-informed** by a large, engaged, and diverse group of people in Washington state who contributed their ideas, expertise and experience.

**The updated WACS are achievable with support:** These revised, updated WACS are **achievable** by the provider community, with advance support and information coming from DCYF so that providers are prepared for the August 2019 implementation date. Videos and webinars started in October, 2018, and deep dive education is starting in 2019.








Visit <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/standards-alignment/events> to learn more about educational opportunities.

**The updated WACS are child focused:** These revised, updated WACS are **child-focused**—the WACS are the foundation for child development, health and safety.

**The Education Campaign is designed for providers and licensors to learn collaboratively together**



## What will happen each month between now and August 2019 so that we can learn more about the updated rules?

January	February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family Partnerships for Children's Success</li> <li>● When is a License Required?</li> <li>● Protecting and Reporting</li> <li>■ Creating a Positive Environment for Learning</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>● Online   ■ Live</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Licensing Journey</li> <li>● Building a Winning Team</li> <li>■ Inclusion and Equity of Care</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>● Online   ■ Live</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indoor Space and Furnishings</li> <li>● Program, Activities, and Schedule</li> <li>■ Professional Development and Staff Qualifications</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>● Online   ■ Live</p>
April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Purposeful Screen Time</li> <li>● Outdoor Play – Fun and Safe!</li> <li>● Weather, Gardens, and Water Safety</li> <li>● Capacity, Ratio, and Supervision in your Family Home Early Learning Program—Key Elements for Success</li> <li>● Capacity, Ratio, and Supervision in your Center Early Learning Program — Key Elements for Success</li> <li>● Hazard Free and Safe Environments</li> <li>● Be Prepared—Handling Emergencies and Fires</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>● Online   ■ Live</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Serving Safe Water</li> <li>● Keeping it Clean, Sanitary and Safe for Kids!</li> <li>● Prohibited Substances in Early Learning Programs</li> <li>● Eating and Brushing—What's healthy for kids?</li> <li>■ Safe Responses for Challenging Behaviors</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>● Online   ■ Live</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allergies and Individual Food Needs</li> <li>● Food Service from A to Z</li> <li>● The Golden Rules for Healthy Programs – Understanding Medication, Illness, and Hand-washing</li> <li>■ Babies, Waddlers, and Toddlers — What do I need to Know?</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>● Online   ■ Live</p>
July		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bathrooms, Toileting and Diaper Changing</li> <li>● Pets and Animals in Early Learning Programs</li> <li>● Sleep, Rest and Overnight Care</li> <li>● Absence or Inactive Program Steps</li> <li>● Understanding Enforcement Actions and Provider Rights</li> <li>● It's All About Record Keeping and Retention</li> <li>● Understanding Waivers and Variances—What are the differences?</li> <li>■ Immunizations</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>● Online   ■ Live</p>		

### I want to learn more. Is there a website with information?

Yes! Please visit [to read the updated WACS](https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/standards-alignment/events) and go to <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/standards-alignment/events> to get updated information.

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