

## Public Hearings on Family Home Child Care Licensing Rules

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) filed proposed family home child care rules on April 20, 2011.

In general, the proposed rules:

- Increase licensee and staff education, and training standards.
- Enhance standards for playground safety, food service, cribs, emergency preparedness, nurture and guidance, and “screen-time.”
- Reduces licensee paperwork to renew licenses.
- Are less prescriptive regarding how the licensee meets standards.
- Clarify confusing fire escape provisions in the current rules.
- Require a higher level of licensee-parent communication regarding the child’s development and the licensee’s child care philosophy.
- Provide more clarity for consistency in interpretation and application than the current family home child care rules.

To view the full text of the rules, visit [www.del.wa.gov/laws/development/negotiated.aspx](http://www.del.wa.gov/laws/development/negotiated.aspx)

### How to give your input:

If you want your comments to be a part of the official record for these proposed changes, you must either attend a public hearing or send written comments to DEL. If you attend a hearing or send written comments, you will receive DEL’s official response to the public comments.

#### **1. Saturday, June 11, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by video conference at:**

Renton – [Educational Service District 121](#), Puyallup Room  
800 Oaksdale Ave. SW, Renton WA 98057

University Center at [Everett Community College](#) – [Gray Wolf Hall](#), Room 160  
2000 Tower Street, Everett, WA 98201-1390  
Free parking is in lots B and C west of Gray Wolf Hall.

#### **2. Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by video conference at:**

Vancouver - [Educational Service District 112](#), Clark/Pacific Rooms  
2500 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661-6812

Olympia/Tumwater - Educational Service District 113  
6005 Tyee Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98512  
(New location - between Costco and Home Depot, ½ mile south of I-5 exit 102)

#### **3. Saturday, June 18, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Yakima – [Children’s Village](#)  
3801 Kern Road, Yakima, WA 98902



**4. Saturday, June 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by video conference at:**  
Spokane – [Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101](#)  
4202 S. Regal, Spokane, WA 98223-7738

Pasco – [Educational Service District 123](#), Blue Mountain Room  
3918 W. Court Street, Pasco, WA 99301

**Written comments:** The deadline for sending written comments on the proposed rules is midnight on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

**Online:** <https://apps.del.wa.gov/PolicyProposalComment/Detail.aspx>

**Email:** [Rules@del.wa.gov](mailto:Rules@del.wa.gov)

**Fax:** 360-725-4939

**Postal Mail:** DEL Rules Coordinator, PO Box 40972, Olympia, WA 98504-0972

**Take part in the ongoing discussion.**

DEL wants to hear from you! At DEL, we are always looking for new ways to support safe, healthy, and caring relationships between adults and children — the key to children's development.