WAC 110-149-0080 Respite or babysitting for children and youth. Caregivers:

(1) Have the right to receive breaks from caregiving, including respite;

(2) Must obtain their caseworker's approval if babysitting will be provided regularly or more than 72 hours; and

(3) May:

(a) Make their own arrangements for babysitting using the prudent parenting guidelines, if it will be provided occasionally and is less than 72 hours, per RCW 74.13.710;

(b) Have respite provided inside or outside of their home;

(c) Identify individuals to become certified kinship respite providers who will be paid by the department;

(d) Request the department or their CPA to help locate licensed foster homes to provide respite care; and

(e) Contact the children's or youth's caseworker to locate tribal certified respite homes.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 13.34, 74.13, 74.15 RCW, and 45 C.F.R. ss 1355 and 1356. WSR 25-12-071, s 110-149-0080, filed 5/30/25, effective 6/30/25.]