

**WAC 110-16-0001 Purpose and authority.** (1) The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules for the administration of child care subsidy funds through the working connections child care (WCCC) program for family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) in-home/relative child care providers. The department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) is the lead agency for the federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) program, governed by 42 U.S.C. 9858 et. seq., (CCDF authorization and implementation statutes) and 45 C.F.R. Part 98 (CCDF regulations). This chapter addresses CCDF health and safety requirements and WCCC program requirements for family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) in-home/relative child care providers.

(2) In addition to the requirements contained in this chapter, FFN providers must comply with applicable provisions of chapter 43.216 RCW (department of children, youth, and families), chapter 110-06 WAC (background check rules), and chapter 110-15 WAC (WCCC) subsidy program rules.

(3) The requirements contained in this chapter are consistent with and support the department's commitment to promoting the health, safety, and well-being of children, expanding access to quality early learning opportunities to improve outcomes in young children and promoting school readiness.

(4) The department recognizes that a child's parents and family are the child's first and most important teachers and decision makers. The department is committed to working alongside parents to promote the overall well-being of their children, providing technical assistance and resource referral at the request of parents or providers, and using a variety of methods to communicate with parents and providers about program changes and relevant resources and information.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055, 43.216.065, chapter 43.216 RCW and 42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq. WSR 18-20-081, § 110-16-0001, filed 10/1/18, effective 11/1/18.]