



DEL wants your input!

DEL is holding public hearings and accepting public comment on proposed rules for:

- Public disclosure of DEL records, how the public may request records, indexes to certain public information, and DEL organization rules required by law. Click [here](#) for more information
- Child care centers and school-age centers on new nonexpiring licenses. A nonexpiring license is available to current providers with a full license, and to new providers who have successfully completed the initial license period. The proposed rules describe the annual requirements for a provider to maintain a nonexpiring license. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Raising annual license fees for child care centers and school-age centers. DEL has already raised fees for family home child cares in new WAC chapter 170-296A. The Legislature directed DEL to increase license fees for all licensed providers to deal with projected 2011-2013 state budget deficits. License fees are deposited to the state general fund and are not kept by DEL. The new fee amounts have been in effect by [emergency rules](#) filed in June and October 2011.
- Suspected unlicensed child care and higher civil penalties (fines) that may be levied for violating child care licensing rules. The rule changes are as a result of 2011 Senate Bill [5504](#), and have been in effect by [emergency rules](#) filed in July and December 2011. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care programs in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 170-290, and related changes to licensing rules for child care centers, school-age programs and family home child care. The rules are being revised to meet state and federal audit recommendations, reduce potential fraud, waste or abuse, comply with portions of 2011 Senate Bill [5921](#), and clarify other requirements. Click [here](#) for more information.

Attend a Public Hearing:

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Department of Early Learning - Tumwater Office
Point Plaza East, Building 2 – Nisqually Room
6860 Capital Boulevard SE, Tumwater WA 98501

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Department of Early Learning – Spokane Office
(North East Washington Educational Services District 101 conference facility)
4202 South Regal, Spokane, WA 98223

Give your input in writing by Monday, February 13, 2012:

Online: [DEL Rules Comment Webpage](#)

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Only input received at the public hearings or in writing as noted above will become part of the official record. Everyone who gives input on this proposal will receive the department's combined written response, called a *Concise Explanatory Statement*. This statement will also be posted on the DEL website and is available to anyone who asks for it, by emailing Rules@del.wa.gov or writing to the DEL Rules Coordinator at the address above.