

Department of Early Learning
Comments from the Negotiated Rule Making Meeting
In Kent on January 20, 2007

DIVERSITY

The translation from English to other languages needs to be as clear as possible **SP**

EDUCATION

The career provider ladder and level of education needed to meet high levels of education and high quality service

Minimum education requirements

Training requirements

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Clarifying the bedding arrangements for the children

Waiver-for 12 yr old clarify how makes us out of compliance. Should be if turns 12 while in care not waiver needed 12 & over NEW must have waiver

Playground-The measurements to be more reasonable **SP**

INFORMATION

No comments.

LICENSING-ADVERSE ACTION

Consider a review panel prior to administrative hearing. Some hearings are not necessary.

Public Hearings regarding WAC's S/B should be longer than 2 hr. and in more locations.

A review panel (several persons) rather than an administrative hearing

Change wording so third party may decide outcome of alleged non-compliance

Allow for appeals process on licensing issues

Administrative Law Judge must side with the department. Change this one the department is not always correct

Change wording of revocation WAC from must back to may be revoked.

****SP indicates comment submitted in Spanish***

LICENSING-ADVERSE ACTION, continued

Clarify the appeal process for licensing decisions and create an outside body to make the final decision.

Licensors or supervisors should not be the judge of provider character.

A fair process for complaints-no closing until found at fault

Lower fines

LICENSE PROCESS CHANGE

One background check per person, used @ several childcares

Lifetime licenses

Background checks-promptly processed

It is redundant to have a background check for same person that subs at different daycares.

Background checks should be universal. Meaning a substitute caregiver should not have to get a background check for every provider she works for. Would save a lot of money!

Assistant file movable from one facility to another

How long a "FCC" provider should be licensed?

To be license permanent, with out renewing every 3 years

Flexibility if the provider is over capacity for emergency or short times. 30 min? 1 hr?

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We want to be given a permanent license. **SP**

LICENSE PROCESS CHANGE, continued

I would like a permanent license.

I would like that they give permanent license and not temporary. **SP**

That we be given permanent licenses not just for three years. Thank you **SP**

That the license be given only once and remove the renewal every three years. **SP**

LICENSE PROCESS CHANGE, continued

Apply for the license only once. **SP**

That the license be open to cover between providers in case of emergency **SP**

To apply only once for the license and that the laws for the playgrounds be flexible **SP**

That we do not have to renew every three years **SP**

Apply for the license only once; remove the three year renewal **SP**

OPINION & CONCERNS

Call and check on us every once in a while instead of trying to find something wrong.

Respectful

Flexibility to provider to go on vacations-leaving good assistant in the day care

Help develop funding for providers that need help with repairs. The ones that put them in violation

Help us figure out a way that we shouldn't feel afraid of licensors

We need a clear way of communication with our licensors of an incident happening with out having fear of being summarily suspended or revoked because of a parent retaliating because they don't want to pay.

OPINION & CONCERNS, continued

To many rules that have nothing to do with kids safety-lots of wasted paperwork

Collaborative relationship with licenser

Licenser should bring a second person, when doing drop-in visits so provider can visit with her.

Allow for some flexibility when possible

What criteria should be used on specific issues to balance safe with affordable child care? Goal-safe & affordable

Research areas for how many child care facilities are in that area. Should there be a number placed on any certain child care?

Whether DEL can bring non-DEL persons with them when inspecting family day care home? If so, under what circumstances

How can coordination between DEL, providers, local health jurisdictions, and state department of health be improved to cover; conflict resolution and/or technical assistance

I would like for the licenser to answer my calls for any emergency **SP**

That all the visits by the licenser be visits to help assist better and to look for an assistant **SP**

That we be notified of last minute changes to allow time for us to make our decisions **SP**

That the licensers be flexible and patient with our cultures and languages **SP**

That the licensers call when they are coming to have another person to assist us and that way we can have undivided attention **SP**

That the licensers announce their visits to the day care so as to have an assistant on hand to help her. Thank you **SP**

PARENT CONCERNS

No comments.

RCW

No comments.

REIMBURSEMENT CONCERNS

170-296-0120 Subsidy overpayments removed from WAC

REPORTING COMPLAINTS

No comments.

STAFF

A licensed assistant or float licensed assistant

That the assistant of the provider be certified only once **SP**

That the provider has her license with her, with it approved to cover emergencies of other home providers **SP**

That the assistant of the provider be certified only once **SP**

WAC

Good WAC's

Change infant age to 0-18 months

Limit of under 2 child be increased or limit under 12 months.

Change wording must back to may

Making WAC a provider supportive document-not punitive

#1360(4) Supervision you provide must ensure that you are aware of what children are doing at all times.

WAC, continued

12 yr olds are not ready to be home alone. Allow 12 year olds back in family home; let them be taken out of head count.

Don't want to have parents sign in & out when their private pay.

Not to have to let parents know of my insurance status

To make to change have choice to have insurance or not

170-296-0140(2) (d) "reliability and dependability" how determined?
(e) "Truthfulness"-who/how determined

WAC 170-296-0195 (3)(a)(b)

WAC 170-296-0205 (3)(a)(b)

Revocation as permanent disqualifier

#0150 Personal info we may require

#1420 Business

0720 Use of home

State intent of WAC when rule is stated

WAC 170-296-0020 under definitions: character competence & suitability assessments
removed

Realign the WAC to match the QRIS

Insert the intent of the regulation in the WAC

Reorganize the WAC's to ensure that functional areas are logically listed.

Address the question on what is accepted as a parent signature. WAC 0520

Why should provider have to live in a daycare home, this should not be a reason to deny a license.

WAC, continued

Don't have to have parents sign in & out....Provider can do it

Do not post information that is negative about a provider until the situation is PROVEN to be founded. The provider should only be removed from the R & R based on the seriousness of the allegation.

Immunization not be provider responsibility

Make the WAC usable for all areas in the state. Not only directed to higher city child care facilities.

What information DEL will give providers before seeking consent to remove records from the premises?

Whether DEL must get written consent before inspecting or removing records and what does consent form look like?

Where should the emphasis be "play" "pre-school" "health & safety" "nutrition?"

I would like to have easier laws for licensing, laws that are easy to understand **SP**

That the laws of the WAC be translated to our appropriate language. **SP**

That the laws be easy to follow and flexible not so exaggerated **SP**

That the translations of the laws be clear and translated **SP**

WEIGHTED WAC

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WAC's should be weighted-most serious being given the greatest weight