



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

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Dear Providers of the School Age Child Care Services:

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is grateful for our ongoing partnership and collaborative work to develop recommendations on improving and simplifying the School-Age Child Care licensing regulations (SACC). We understand the need to support children in the classroom while keeping up with staffing demands. Our goal is to address your concerns in a collaborative and meaningful way that puts children first and support the provider community.

The SACC regulations' recommendations report submitted to DCYF on September 30, 2019 is a valuable support to the work that DCYF is doing to develop the final draft of the SACC regulations. DCYF is planning to share the final drafts no later than March 2020, which will allow us to start the rule making process in April 2020 and complete it in August 2020. DCYF's goal is to start implementing the updated SACC regulations by the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

As part of ongoing support to the provider community for the 2019-2020 school year, DCYF is offering a waiver process to resolve the professional development and staff qualification requirements'.

- All licensing offices are directed to accept the professional development and qualification requirements' waivers.
- All professional development and staff qualification waivers will be reviewed at the licensing division state leadership level to collect and analyze data informing the development of the updated SACC regulations.
- The professional development and staff qualification requirements' issues will be fully resolved with the implementation of the updated SACC regulations in August 2020.

On November 6, 2019, DCYF leadership had the opportunity to have a phone meeting with David Beard at School's Out Washington. We discussed providers' concerns regarding the current professional development and staff qualification requirements and established the next steps to implement the updated SACC regulations. We agreed that the emergency rule making process is not a necessary step, and a well-organized and thoughtful waiver process is a helpful temporary solution. This will allow providers and DCYF to learn more about professional development and staff qualification requirements' issues ensuring that the updated SACC regulations will resolve all types of professional development and staff qualification issues.

We recognize that we cannot do this work without all the organizations and providers that serve school-age children and appreciate your commitment to providing equitable access to high quality services.

Should you have any questions or concerns you may contact Luba Bezborodnikova by phone at 360-725-4404 or via email at [luba.bezborodnikova@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:luba.bezborodnikova@dcyf.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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