

Why has my child care provider's license been suspended or revoked?

The Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL) licenses more than 7,400 family home and center-based child care facilities.

Our goal is to help make sure children are safe and healthy while in licensed care. We value licensed providers and work closely with them so they have the information and tools to succeed.

If a child care provider shows he or she cannot meet state health and safety rules, we take action on the provider's license. This may include:

Suspension—The provider must fix the health/safety issue(s) before caring for children again.

Revocation—The provider may no longer offer licensed child care.

We make these decisions carefully, knowing that families will need to find other child care, and may have built strong ties with their provider.

What do I do now?

Finding child care that meets your family's needs is not always easy. There are places to go for help.

Start by calling your local child care resource and referral agency. They will give you a list of licensed child care facilities in your community. Visit online at www.childcarenet.org or call toll-free 1.800.446.1114.

You can visit DEL's online Licensed Child Care Information System (LCCIS) to learn about the licensing history of a child care provider. Go to: www.del.wa.gov/lccis.

DEL's booklet, *You Have A Choice! A Guide to Finding Quality Child Care*, has information on:

- ❑ Finding the right child care for your family
- ❑ Getting help paying for child care
- ❑ Why licensed care is important

You can find it on our Web site, or call DEL toll-free at 1.866.482.4325.

What if I still have questions?

If you have questions or concerns about why a provider's license was suspended or revoked, you can talk to DEL licensors. They will share as much information as they can.

Find your local DEL office online at: www.del.wa.gov or call DEL toll-free at 1.866.482.4325.



What we do

At the Department of Early Learning (DEL), we work every day to help Washington children get ready for school and life.

A state agency launched in July 2006, DEL focuses on children's earliest years of life, offering information and resources for children's first and most important teachers—parents.

With almost half a million children in Washington ages birth to 6, we work with partners and parents to prepare all children for success.

Learn more about our work at www.del.wa.gov.



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What Washington Parents Should Know

