

WAC 170-290-0001 Purpose and intent. (1) This chapter establishes the requirements for eligible families to receive subsidized child care through the working connections child care (WCCC) and seasonal child care (SCC) programs as administered by DSHS under applicable state and federal law, to the extent of available funds. WCCC administered through the early childhood education and assistance program (ECEAP) shall follow ECEAP performance standards and contracts. As used in chapter 170-290 WAC, "to the extent of available funds" includes one or more of the following:

- (a) Limiting or closing enrollment;
- (b) Establishing a priority list for new enrollees subject to applicable state and federal law; or
- (c) Creating and maintaining a waiting list.

(2) The purpose of WCCC, as provided in part II of this chapter, is to:

- (a) Assist eligible families in obtaining child care subsidies for approvable activities that enable them to work, attend training, or enroll in educational programs; and
- (b) Consider the health and safety of children while they are in care and receiving child care subsidies.

(3) The purpose of SCC, as provided in part III of this chapter, is to:

- (a) Assist eligible families who are seasonally employed in agriculturally related work to pay for licensed child care; and
- (b) Consider the health and safety of children while they are in care and receiving child care subsidies.

(4) No provision of this section shall be interpreted contrary to RCW 43.215.250.