

This rule was initially drafted by DEL staff with input from stakeholders. The tracked changes show revisions made to language and weights through negotiations by early learning providers (centers, Head Start/ECEAP, and family homes), parents, and DEL Licensing staff. These rules are still in development/negotiation and your comments will be given to negotiators.

Key to edits and terms:

example = deleted

example = inserted

example = rewritten by DEL at request of negotiators

consensus reached = negotiators agree to the draft rule language & weight

in queue for consensus = negotiated by subset of negotiators, scheduled to be reviewed by all

tabled = negotiators reviewed, did not reach agreement, and are contemplating next steps

170-300-0275 - Consensus Reached Infant and toddler care.

(1)^[AL1] An early learning program may care for infants if the department inspects the program space and approves care for infants:

- (a) Prior to issuing the program its license, or
- (b) Prior to caring for newborn infants if the program has not previously done so. **Weight #6**

(2)^[AL2] An early learning provider working directly with infants and toddlers must complete the department required Infant Safe Sleep training pursuant to WAC 170-300-0106(8)^[WH3]. See references in 0290-0291. **Weight #NA7**^[WH4]

(3) An early learning provider must not use or allow ~~infants to the~~ use of wheeled baby walkers. **Weight #7**

~~(4) A center ^[WH5] early learning program licensed to care for four or more infants ^[G16] must employ or contract with an infant nurse consultant. An infant ^[WH7] nurse consultant's duties depend upon the needs of the center early learning program. A center early learning provider and infant nurse consultant may identify the physical and emotional needs of infants through observations and assessments. **Weight #5**~~

~~(5) Employment or contract work between a center early learning program and an infant nurse consultant must include:~~

- ~~(a) A written agreement with an infant nurse consultant currently licensed as a registered nurse (RN) who has worked in pediatrics (care of children) or public health within the past year, or has taken or taught classes in pediatric nursing at the college level within the past five years;~~

- ~~(b) At least one on-site visit from the nurse consultant monthly, if infants are enrolled;~~
- ~~(c) A nurse or designee that meets the requirements of a nurse consultant available by phone as needed; and~~
- ~~(d) The nurse consultant's written notes from the on-site visit, which must include topics discussed, areas of concern, date, and signatures of the consultant and a representative from the early learning program. **Weight #5**~~