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

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Consistent care policy.

1. An early learning program must have and follow a policy that promotes the consistent care of children. “Consistent care” means providing steady opportunities for children to build emotionally secure relationships by primarily interacting with a limited number of early learning program staff. Weight #1

2. When possible, an early learning provider must be assigned to work with a consistent group of children for much of the day with a goal of building long term, trusting relationships. Weight #1 N/A