

# Negotiated Rule Making (NRM)

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## What is Negotiated Rule Making (NRM):

DCYF is amending the Group Care (110-145) Washington Administrative Code (WAC) through Negotiated Rule Making (NRM). NRM is a collaborative way to develop rules (WAC) by seeking consensus from groups made up of similar parties that are impacted by these rules. **As impacted parties, those who have direct, personal experience with their children being placed in group care facilities are invited to participate in this rule making process.** For more information on the D.S. Settlement Agreement, go to [www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ds-settlement](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ds-settlement)

## ? BENEFITS OF NRM:

Participating in NRM provides a great opportunity to impact the future of how youth experience the foster care system.

- ▶ Provide greater public access to rulemaking.
- ▶ Create more culturally and developmentally appropriate rules.
- ▶ Better understanding of rule intent.
- ▶ Increased compliance with rules

## 🕒 NRM TIME COMMITMENT:

- ▶ Semi-monthly, two-hour Zoom meetings (Jan. - June 2024)
- ▶ Weekly, one-hour WAC review (Jan. - June 2024)

## ☆ INCENTIVES:

- ▶ \$45 for up to one-hour Zoom meeting
- ▶ \$90 for one to two-hour Zoom meeting

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## NRM LIVED EXPERIENCE PARENT MEETINGS

First and third Thursdays of the month  
3 to 5 p.m.

## REGISTER & CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please contact the Group Care NRM Team  
for questions and to register.

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