

WAC 110-300-0270 Overnight care. (1) An early learning provider must be approved by the department to provide overnight care between nine o'clock at night and five o'clock in the morning when any enrolled child sleeps for three or more hours at the program.

(2) If approved by the department to provide overnight care, an early learning provider must supply every child an individual bed or other sleep equipment that:

(a) Is safe and in good working condition;

(b) Is made of moisture resistant material that can be cleaned and sanitized;

(c) Meets the child's developmental needs; and

(d) Is stored so sleeping surfaces are not touching each other unless cleaned and sanitized after each use.

(3) Each child's bedding must:

(a) Have a clean sheet or blanket to cover the sleeping surface and a clean cover for the child except for infants;

(b) Be laundered weekly or more often if soiled. Bedding must be laundered daily if used by different children; and

(c) Be stored separately from bedding used by another child, unless it is cleaned and sanitized after each use.

(4) An early learning provider must:

(a) Supervise children until they are asleep, except where children demonstrate the need for privacy to change clothes and can safely do so; and

(b) Have department approval prior to using night latches, deadbolts, or security chains.

(5) An early learning provider who sleeps while children are in overnight care must:

(a) Have written permission and documentation that parents are aware that the provider is sleeping while their children are in care and have read the facilities policies and procedures for overnight care;

(b) Stay awake until all children are asleep or returning to sleep;

(c) Remain on the same floor level as sleeping children at all times;

(d) Sleep in the same room with infants and toddlers;

(e) Be physically available and responsive, available to immediately respond to a child's needs;

(f) Have alarms to alert them if a child should leave the room;

(g) Have monitoring devices to assist in hearing and visibly checking on children in each room used for sleeping; and

(h) Be awake for the arrival and departure of each child in overnight care.

(6) An early learning provider who accepts infants for overnight care must comply with all safe sleep rules pursuant to WAC 110-300-0291 for at least the first fifteen nights a new infant is enrolled in that program. A provider may sleep while the infant sleeps during overnight care if:

(a) The provider continues to comply with WAC 110-300-0291 (1)(b), (c), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (2);

(b) Once that provider has become familiar with the sleep routines and patterns of that infant; and

(c) The provider has observed no apparent health or safety risks while the infant sleeps.

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