What is the purpose of this chapter?  
(1) This chapter contains licensing requirements for all child placing agencies and the people who operate these programs. This chapter also includes regulations for adoption services provided by child placing agencies. These licensing regulations are designed to ensure children who are in care are safe, healthy and protected from all forms of child abuse and neglect according to RCW 26.44.020(1) and chapter 388-15 WAC.

(2) If you are a child placing agency that certifies foster homes, the homes you certify must meet the full licensing requirements outlined in chapter 388-148 WAC, Child foster home licensing requirements.