WAC 110-300-0020  Unlicensed programs.  (1) If the department suspects that an individual or agency is providing unlicensed child care, the department must follow the requirements of RCW 43.216.360.

(2) If an individual decides to obtain a license, within thirty calendar days from the date of the department's notice in subsection (1) of this section, the individual or agency must submit a written agreement on a department form stating they agree to:

(a) Attend and participate in the next available department licensing orientation; and
(b) Submit a licensing application after completing orientation.

(3) The department's written notice under subsection (1) of this section must inform the individual or agency providing unlicensed child care:

(a) That the individual or agency must stop providing child care, pursuant to RCW 43.216.360;
(b) How to respond to the department;
(c) How to apply for a license;
(d) How a fine, if issued, may be suspended or withdrawn if the individual applies for a license;
(e) That the individual has a right to request an adjudicative proceeding (hearing) if a fine is assessed; and
(f) How to ask for a hearing, under chapter 34.05 RCW (Administrative Procedure Act), chapter 43.216 RCW, and chapter 110-03 WAC (department hearing rules).

(4) If an individual providing unlicensed child care does not submit an agreement to obtain a license as provided in subsection (2) of this section within thirty calendar days from the date of the department's written notice, the department will post information on its web site that the individual is providing child care without a license.

(5) A person providing unlicensed child care:

(a) Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor pursuant to RCW 43.216.365; and
(b) May be subject to an injunction pursuant to RCW 43.216.355.

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