

# Negotiated Rule Making (NRM) Timeline

As required under the D.S. Settlement Agreement, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) will be amending both the Group Care (110-145) and Foster Care (110-148) Washington Administrative Code (WAC). For more information on the D.S. Settlement Agreement, go to <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ds-settlement>.

Negotiated Rule Making (NRM) is a collaborative way to develop rules by seeking consensus from groups made up of similar parties that are impacted by the rules.



## NRM EARLY IMPLEMENTATION:

- ▶ Workgroup development
- ▶ Literature and current practice review
- ▶ Prudent parenting assessment
- ▶ Practice change recommendations

## NRM DEVELOPMENT & HYBRID NEGOTIATION:

- ▶ Routine communication and collaboration
- ▶ Assessment of training needs
- ▶ Provider organization and participation
- ▶ WAC research and analysis
- ▶ “Focus” WAC identification
- ▶ Listening and learning sessions
- ▶ Virtual negotiations

## NRM IN-PERSON NEGOTIATION:

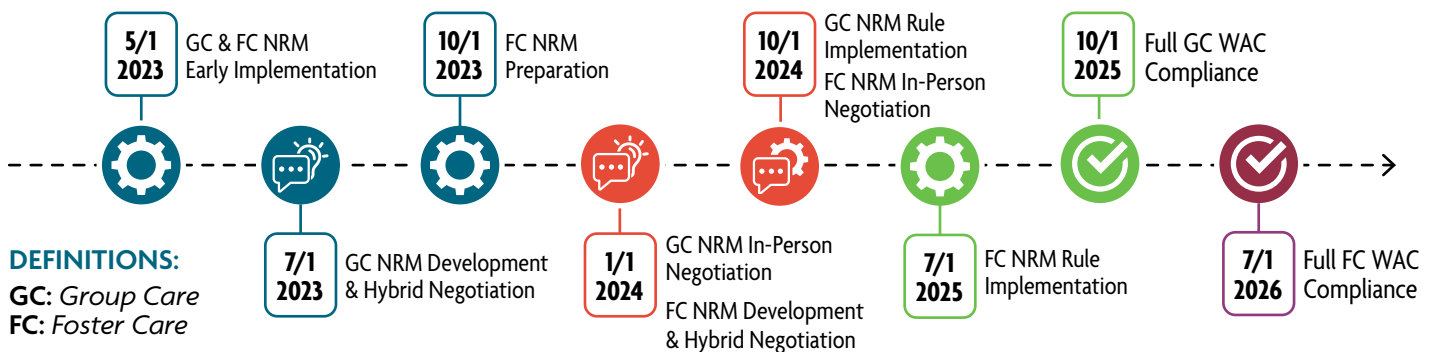
- ▶ Third-party facilitator led in-person negotiations
- ▶ Write updated rules
- ▶ Develop training
- ▶ WAC/contracts/policy alignment
- ▶ Finalize amended rules

## NRM RULE IMPLEMENTATION:

- ▶ Publish amended rules
- ▶ Train to amended WAC
- ▶ Update policy and procedure
- ▶ Full WAC compliance

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