

Negotiated Rule Making (NRM)



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What is Negotiated Rule Making (NRM):

As required under the D.S. Settlement Agreement, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) will be amending the Foster Care (110-148) Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

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. For more information on the D.S. Settlement Agreement, go to <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ds-settlement>.

★ BENEFITS OF NRM:

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

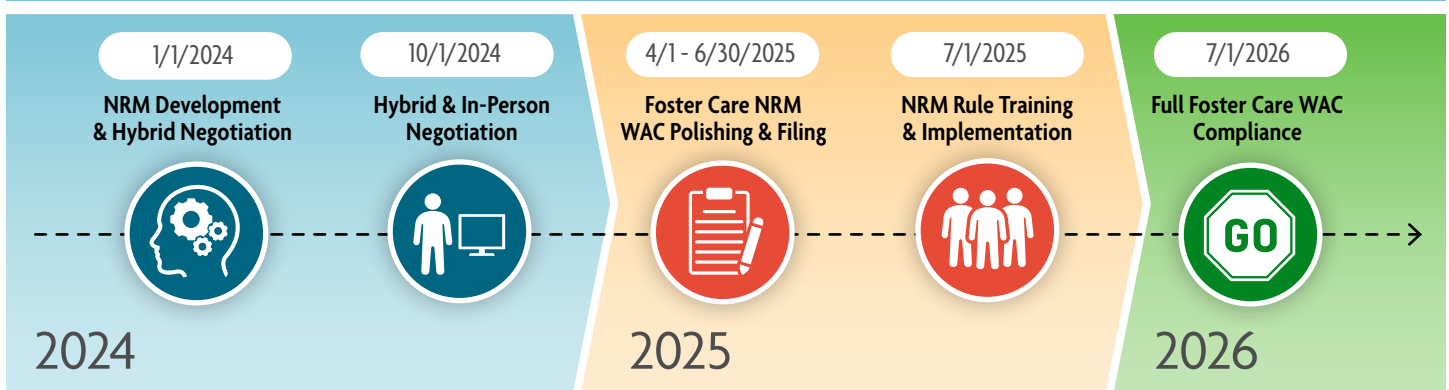
📍 WHERE IS NRM TAKING PLACE?

We will be using a hybrid design which includes email, website, Zoom, and in-person meetings that will rotate throughout the state.

Foster Care NRM Timeline:

- ▶ Foster Care NRM Preparation..... Oct. 1, 2023 – Dec. 31, 2023
- ▶ Foster Care NRM Development and Hybrid Negotiation..... Jan. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2024
- ▶ Foster Care NRM In-Person Negotiations Oct. 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025
- ▶ Foster Care NRM WAC Polishing & Filing April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025
- ▶ Foster Care NRM Rule Training & Implementation..... July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- ▶ Full Foster Care WAC compliance..... July 1, 2026

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