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To: Ross Hunter, Secretary
Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families

From: Governor Jay Inslee

Subject: Child Care Professional Development Requirements

The state of Washington is committed to quality child care and early learning opportunities for all children in the state. There is a child care access and affordability crisis in Washington State. Because of the high costs associated with operating a child care center and caring for the next generation of Washingtonians, it remains a goal of the legislative and executive branches to take steps to ensure this crisis is not worsened and that all children and their families have the opportunity to receive the care and educational opportunities they need.

To achieve this goal, I direct the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to provide all childcare center directors and assistant directors with additional time to comply with the new professional development requirements outlined in a new rule, WAC 110-300-0100(3), which is effective August 1, 2019. Those individuals covered by this rule shall be given five years from August 1, 2019, or five years from being employed or promoted into these positions at any licensed early learning program.

Professional development requirements refer to any professional credentials including academic degrees, coursework, certificates, conference attendance, informal learning or other education required for licensure by DCYF under WAC 110-300-0100(3).

Thank you in advance for your support. Together we will build a better future for our youngest Washingtonians.