

Home and Community-Based Services settings rules provide protections to ensure your child receives services in the most integrated setting possible and has the opportunity to be an engaged member of the community.

Your child's health and safety are very important. A provider may have age-appropriate structures in place to keep your child safe.



For more information about Home and Community-Based Services

Visit our website:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/developmental-disabilities-administration-services-programs>

Email questions:

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Further Assistance:

Contact your child's Social Services Specialist or Out-of-Home Resource Coordinator for further information or support in planning for your child residing in DDA Children's Residential Settings.



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Home and Community-Based Waiver Services

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For Children Residing in DDA Children's Residential Settings



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The following are freedoms and protections that apply for children in residential service settings:

Activities. Your child will be encouraged to self-direct their personal schedule as much as possible in a developmentally appropriate manner. Your child's provider is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of your child. This includes making sure that your child is:

- attending school.
- getting adequate rest.
- receiving medical care.
- engaging in physical activities.

Your child's provider will consider your child's preferences and goals in scheduling activities.

Visitors. Your child will be welcomed and encouraged to have visitors to the home. You, as the parent or guardian, have access to your child unless there is a court-order which restricts access. Please work with your child's residential setting provider to identify preferred times for visits which are supportive to your child's personal schedule (considering other activities such as school routine, extracurricular activities, medical appointments, etc.).

Privacy. Your child has a right to privacy. The door to your child's bedroom may have a lock that your child may choose to use for privacy. If a lock is in place, only appropriate staff may have a key to your child's bedroom door.

Access to Food. In addition to your child being provided with nutritious meals and snacks, your child may also have access to personal food in accordance with your child's person-centered service plan. Consideration will be given to the most age-appropriate plan that supports your child's independence and autonomy. Your child's provider will offer foods that meet your child's nutritional needs and demonstrate their consideration of your child's culture and preferences.

Furnishing. You may choose to furnish your child's bedroom with personal belongings instead of using the furniture made available by the provider. All exits must remain clear of obstacles that may interfere with evacuation.

Decoration. Providers support children's rights to decorate their bedrooms. Children are encouraged to reflect their personal style and interests in their personal space. Providers may have age-appropriate rules in place about content and materials displayed.

