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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting consumers by assuring persons using
2 the title of social worker have graduated with a degree in social work
3 from an educational program accredited by the council on social work
4 education; amending RCW 10.77.010, 13.34.260, 26.09.191, 26.10.160,
5 28A.170.080, 70.96A.037, 70.96B.010, 70.97.010, 70.126.020, 70.127.010,
6 71.32.020, 71.34.020, 74.13.029, and 74.34.020; reenacting and amending
7 RCW 71.05.020 and 74.42.010; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; and
8 providing an effective date.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

11 (a) The practice of social work by persons in the public and
12 private sectors improves the lives of many people throughout the state
13 through the application of a broad spectrum of social sciences to
14 enhance the quality of life and develop the full potential of each
15 client;

16 (b) The practice of social work is a complex discipline that,
17 appropriately undertaken, can address client problems, needs, and
18 concerns, with the goal that clients achieve the maximum possible

1 enhancement of their quality of life and develop to their full
2 potential. However, improper assessment of client problems and needs
3 by unqualified persons can lead to client harm;

4 (c) It is in the state's interest to take steps to safeguard state
5 residents from misrepresentations about qualifications for practicing
6 social work. Because such misrepresentations could lead to the
7 improper practice of social work by unqualified persons, those who
8 represent themselves as social workers should have a qualifying degree
9 from an accredited and approved social work program.

10 (2) The legislature declares that this act to regulate social
11 workers constitutes an exercise of the state's police power to protect
12 and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the
13 state in general. Accordingly, while this act is intended to protect
14 the public generally, it does not create a duty owed by the state or
15 its instrumentalities to any individual or entity.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) To address the goal of safeguarding
17 Washington residents from the unqualified or improper practice of
18 social work, a person may not represent himself or herself as a social
19 worker unless qualified as a social worker as defined in this section.

20 (2) For purposes of this section, "social worker" means a person
21 who meets one of the following qualifications:

22 (a) Is licensed under RCW 18.225.090(1)(a) or 18.225.145(1)(a); or

23 (b) Has graduated with at least a bachelor's degree from a social
24 work educational program accredited by the council on social work
25 education and approved by the secretary of the department of health
26 based on nationally recognized standards.

27 (3) A public agency or private entity doing business in Washington
28 may not use the title of social worker, or a form of the title, for
29 describing or designating volunteer or employment positions or within
30 contracts for services, reference materials, manuals, or other
31 documents, unless the volunteers or employees working in those
32 positions are qualified as a social worker as defined in this section.

33 (4) This section does not apply to:

34 (a) Persons employed in Washington on the effective date of this
35 section under the job title of social worker so long as the person
36 continues to be employed by the same agency on the effective date of

1 this section, and who, if employed by state government, shall continue
2 to have the same layoff, reversion, and promotional opportunities as
3 were available to the employee on the effective date of this section;

4 (b) Individuals employed by the government of the United States
5 while engaged in the performance of duties prescribed by the laws of
6 the United States; or

7 (c) Persons providing services as an educational staff associate
8 who are certified by the Washington professional educator standards
9 board. However, this section applies to a certified educational staff
10 associate providing services outside the school setting.

11 (5) As used in subsection (4) of this section, "agency" means any
12 private employer or any agency of state government.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The legislature finds that the practices
14 covered by this chapter are matters vitally affecting the public
15 interest for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act,
16 chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation of this chapter is not reasonable in
17 relation to the development and preservation of business and is an
18 unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair method of
19 competition for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act,
20 chapter 19.86 RCW.

21 (2) Remedies available under chapter 19.86 RCW for a violation of
22 this chapter do not affect any other remedy available under the law.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 10.77.010 and 2010 c 262 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 As used in this chapter:

26 (1) "Admission" means acceptance based on medical necessity, of a
27 person as a patient.

28 (2) "Commitment" means the determination by a court that a person
29 should be detained for a period of either evaluation or treatment, or
30 both, in an inpatient or a less-restrictive setting.

31 (3) "Conditional release" means modification of a court-ordered
32 commitment, which may be revoked upon violation of any of its terms.

33 (4) A "criminally insane" person means any person who has been
34 acquitted of a crime charged by reason of insanity, and thereupon found
35 to be a substantial danger to other persons or to present a substantial

1 likelihood of committing criminal acts jeopardizing public safety or
2 security unless kept under further control by the court or other
3 persons or institutions.

4 (5) "Department" means the state department of social and health
5 services.

6 (6) "Designated mental health professional" has the same meaning as
7 provided in RCW 71.05.020.

8 (7) "Detention" or "detain" means the lawful confinement of a
9 person, under the provisions of this chapter, pending evaluation.

10 (8) "Developmental disabilities professional" means a person who
11 has specialized training and three years of experience in directly
12 treating or working with persons with developmental disabilities and is
13 a psychiatrist or psychologist, or a social worker, and such other
14 developmental disabilities professionals as may be defined by rules
15 adopted by the secretary.

16 (9) "Developmental disability" means the condition as defined in
17 RCW 71A.10.020(3).

18 (10) "Discharge" means the termination of hospital medical
19 authority. The commitment may remain in place, be terminated, or be
20 amended by court order.

21 (11) "Furlough" means an authorized leave of absence for a resident
22 of a state institution operated by the department designated for the
23 custody, care, and treatment of the criminally insane, consistent with
24 an order of conditional release from the court under this chapter,
25 without any requirement that the resident be accompanied by, or be in
26 the custody of, any law enforcement or institutional staff, while on
27 such unescorted leave.

28 (12) "Habilitative services" means those services provided by
29 program personnel to assist persons in acquiring and maintaining life
30 skills and in raising their levels of physical, mental, social, and
31 vocational functioning. Habilitative services include education,
32 training for employment, and therapy. The habilitative process shall
33 be undertaken with recognition of the risk to the public safety
34 presented by the person being assisted as manifested by prior charged
35 criminal conduct.

36 (13) "History of one or more violent acts" means violent acts
37 committed during: (a) The ten-year period of time prior to the filing

1 of criminal charges; plus (b) the amount of time equal to time spent
2 during the ten-year period in a mental health facility or in
3 confinement as a result of a criminal conviction.

4 (14) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, stepchild,
5 parent, stepparent, grandparent, sibling, or domestic partner.

6 (15) "Incompetency" means a person lacks the capacity to understand
7 the nature of the proceedings against him or her or to assist in his or
8 her own defense as a result of mental disease or defect.

9 (16) "Indigent" means any person who is financially unable to
10 obtain counsel or other necessary expert or professional services
11 without causing substantial hardship to the person or his or her
12 family.

13 (17) "Individualized service plan" means a plan prepared by a
14 developmental disabilities professional with other professionals as a
15 team, for an individual with developmental disabilities, which shall
16 state:

17 (a) The nature of the person's specific problems, prior charged
18 criminal behavior, and habilitation needs;

19 (b) The conditions and strategies necessary to achieve the purposes
20 of habilitation;

21 (c) The intermediate and long-range goals of the habilitation
22 program, with a projected timetable for the attainment;

23 (d) The rationale for using this plan of habilitation to achieve
24 those intermediate and long-range goals;

25 (e) The staff responsible for carrying out the plan;

26 (f) Where relevant in light of past criminal behavior and due
27 consideration for public safety, the criteria for proposed movement to
28 less-restrictive settings, criteria for proposed eventual release, and
29 a projected possible date for release; and

30 (g) The type of residence immediately anticipated for the person
31 and possible future types of residences.

32 (18) "Professional person" means:

33 (a) A psychiatrist licensed as a physician and surgeon in this
34 state who has, in addition, completed three years of graduate training
35 in psychiatry in a program approved by the American medical association
36 or the American osteopathic association and is certified or eligible to
37 be certified by the American board of psychiatry and neurology or the
38 American osteopathic board of neurology and psychiatry;

1 (b) A psychologist licensed as a psychologist pursuant to chapter
2 18.83 RCW; or

3 (c) A social worker with a master's or further advanced degree from
4 (~~(an accredited school of social work or a degree deemed equivalent~~
5 ~~under rules adopted by the secretary)) a social work educational
6 program accredited and approved as provided in section 2 of this act.~~

7 (19) "Registration records" include all the records of the
8 department, regional support networks, treatment facilities, and other
9 persons providing services to the department, county departments, or
10 facilities which identify persons who are receiving or who at any time
11 have received services for mental illness.

12 (20) "Release" means legal termination of the court-ordered
13 commitment under the provisions of this chapter.

14 (21) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social
15 and health services or his or her designee.

16 (22) "Treatment" means any currently standardized medical or mental
17 health procedure including medication.

18 (23) "Treatment records" include registration and all other records
19 concerning persons who are receiving or who at any time have received
20 services for mental illness, which are maintained by the department, by
21 regional support networks and their staffs, and by treatment
22 facilities. Treatment records do not include notes or records
23 maintained for personal use by a person providing treatment services
24 for the department, regional support networks, or a treatment facility
25 if the notes or records are not available to others.

26 (24) "Violent act" means behavior that: (a)(i) Resulted in; (ii)
27 if completed as intended would have resulted in; or (iii) was
28 threatened to be carried out by a person who had the intent and
29 opportunity to carry out the threat and would have resulted in,
30 homicide, nonfatal injuries, or substantial damage to property; or (b)
31 recklessly creates an immediate risk of serious physical injury to
32 another person. As used in this subsection, "nonfatal injuries" means
33 physical pain or injury, illness, or an impairment of physical
34 condition. "Nonfatal injuries" shall be construed to be consistent
35 with the definition of "bodily injury," as defined in RCW 9A.04.110.

36 **Sec. 5.** RCW 13.34.260 and 2009 c 491 s 5 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 (1) In an attempt to minimize the inherent intrusion in the lives
2 of families involved in the foster care system and to maintain parental
3 authority where appropriate, the department, absent good cause, shall
4 follow the wishes of the natural parent regarding the placement of the
5 child with a relative or other suitable person pursuant to RCW
6 13.34.130. Preferences such as family constellation, sibling
7 relationships, ethnicity, and religion shall be considered when
8 matching children to foster homes. Parental authority is appropriate
9 in areas that are not connected with the abuse or neglect that resulted
10 in the dependency and shall be integrated through the foster care team.

11 (2) When a child is placed in out-of-home care, relatives, other
12 suitable persons, and foster parents are encouraged to:

13 (a) Provide consultation to the foster care team based upon their
14 experience with the child placed in their care;

15 (b) Assist the birth parents by helping them understand their
16 child's needs and correlating appropriate parenting responses;

17 (c) Participate in educational activities, and enter into
18 community-building activities with birth families and other foster
19 families;

20 (d) Transport children to family time visits with birth families
21 and assist children and their families in maximizing the purposefulness
22 of family time.

23 (3) For purposes of this section ~~((7))~~:

24 (a) "Foster care team" means the relative, other suitable person,
25 or foster parent currently providing care, the currently assigned
26 ~~((social worker))~~ department employee, and the parent or parents; and

27 (b) "Birth family" means the persons described in RCW
28 74.15.020(2)(a).

29 **Sec. 6.** RCW 26.09.191 and 2007 c 496 s 303 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The permanent parenting plan shall not require mutual decision-
32 making or designation of a dispute resolution process other than court
33 action if it is found that a parent has engaged in any of the following
34 conduct: (a) Willful abandonment that continues for an extended period
35 of time or substantial refusal to perform parenting functions; (b)
36 physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child; or (c) a

1 history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or
2 an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous bodily harm or the
3 fear of such harm.

4 (2)(a) The parent's residential time with the child shall be
5 limited if it is found that the parent has engaged in any of the
6 following conduct: (i) Willful abandonment that continues for an
7 extended period of time or substantial refusal to perform parenting
8 functions; (ii) physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a
9 child; (iii) a history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW
10 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous
11 bodily harm or the fear of such harm; or (iv) the parent has been
12 convicted as an adult of a sex offense under:

13 (A) RCW 9A.44.076 if, because of the difference in age between the
14 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (d) of
15 this subsection;

16 (B) RCW 9A.44.079 if, because of the difference in age between the
17 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (d) of
18 this subsection;

19 (C) RCW 9A.44.086 if, because of the difference in age between the
20 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (d) of
21 this subsection;

22 (D) RCW 9A.44.089;

23 (E) RCW 9A.44.093;

24 (F) RCW 9A.44.096;

25 (G) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2) if, because of the difference in age
26 between the offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists
27 under (d) of this subsection;

28 (H) Chapter 9.68A RCW;

29 (I) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses listed
30 in (a)(iv)(A) through (H) of this subsection;

31 (J) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an
32 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (a)(iv)(A) through (H) of
33 this subsection.

34 This subsection (2)(a) shall not apply when (c) or (d) of this
35 subsection applies.

36 (b) The parent's residential time with the child shall be limited
37 if it is found that the parent resides with a person who has engaged in
38 any of the following conduct: (i) Physical, sexual, or a pattern of

1 emotional abuse of a child; (ii) a history of acts of domestic violence
2 as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault that
3 causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm; or (iii) the
4 person has been convicted as an adult or as a juvenile has been
5 adjudicated of a sex offense under:

6 (A) RCW 9A.44.076 if, because of the difference in age between the
7 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (e) of
8 this subsection;

9 (B) RCW 9A.44.079 if, because of the difference in age between the
10 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (e) of
11 this subsection;

12 (C) RCW 9A.44.086 if, because of the difference in age between the
13 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (e) of
14 this subsection;

15 (D) RCW 9A.44.089;

16 (E) RCW 9A.44.093;

17 (F) RCW 9A.44.096;

18 (G) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2) if, because of the difference in age
19 between the offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists
20 under (e) of this subsection;

21 (H) Chapter 9.68A RCW;

22 (I) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses listed
23 in (b)(iii)(A) through (H) of this subsection;

24 (J) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an
25 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (b)(iii)(A) through (H) of
26 this subsection.

27 This subsection (2)(b) shall not apply when (c) or (e) of this
28 subsection applies.

29 (c) If a parent has been found to be a sexual predator under
30 chapter 71.09 RCW or under an analogous statute of any other
31 jurisdiction, the court shall restrain the parent from contact with a
32 child that would otherwise be allowed under this chapter. If a parent
33 resides with an adult or a juvenile who has been found to be a sexual
34 predator under chapter 71.09 RCW or under an analogous statute of any
35 other jurisdiction, the court shall restrain the parent from contact
36 with the parent's child except contact that occurs outside that
37 person's presence.

1 (d) There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent who has been
2 convicted as an adult of a sex offense listed in (d)(i) through (ix) of
3 this subsection poses a present danger to a child. Unless the parent
4 rebuts this presumption, the court shall restrain the parent from
5 contact with a child that would otherwise be allowed under this
6 chapter:

7 (i) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2), provided that the person convicted
8 was at least five years older than the other person;

9 (ii) RCW 9A.44.073;

10 (iii) RCW 9A.44.076, provided that the person convicted was at
11 least eight years older than the victim;

12 (iv) RCW 9A.44.079, provided that the person convicted was at least
13 eight years older than the victim;

14 (v) RCW 9A.44.083;

15 (vi) RCW 9A.44.086, provided that the person convicted was at least
16 eight years older than the victim;

17 (vii) RCW 9A.44.100;

18 (viii) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses
19 listed in (d)(i) through (vii) of this subsection;

20 (ix) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an
21 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (d)(i) through (vii) of
22 this subsection.

23 (e) There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent who resides
24 with a person who, as an adult, has been convicted, or as a juvenile
25 has been adjudicated, of the sex offenses listed in (e)(i) through (ix)
26 of this subsection places a child at risk of abuse or harm when that
27 parent exercises residential time in the presence of the convicted or
28 adjudicated person. Unless the parent rebuts the presumption, the
29 court shall restrain the parent from contact with the parent's child
30 except for contact that occurs outside of the convicted or adjudicated
31 person's presence:

32 (i) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2), provided that the person convicted
33 was at least five years older than the other person;

34 (ii) RCW 9A.44.073;

35 (iii) RCW 9A.44.076, provided that the person convicted was at
36 least eight years older than the victim;

37 (iv) RCW 9A.44.079, provided that the person convicted was at least
38 eight years older than the victim;

1 (v) RCW 9A.44.083;

2 (vi) RCW 9A.44.086, provided that the person convicted was at least
3 eight years older than the victim;

4 (vii) RCW 9A.44.100;

5 (viii) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses
6 listed in (e)(i) through (vii) of this subsection;

7 (ix) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an
8 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (e)(i) through (vii) of
9 this subsection.

10 (f) The presumption established in (d) of this subsection may be
11 rebutted only after a written finding that:

12 (i) If the child was not the victim of the sex offense committed by
13 the parent requesting residential time, (A) contact between the child
14 and the offending parent is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the
15 child, and (B) the offending parent has successfully engaged in
16 treatment for sex offenders or is engaged in and making progress in
17 such treatment, if any was ordered by a court, and the treatment
18 provider believes such contact is appropriate and poses minimal risk to
19 the child; or

20 (ii) If the child was the victim of the sex offense committed by
21 the parent requesting residential time, (A) contact between the child
22 and the offending parent is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the
23 child, (B) if the child is in or has been in therapy for victims of
24 sexual abuse, the child's counselor believes such contact between the
25 child and the offending parent is in the child's best interest, and (C)
26 the offending parent has successfully engaged in treatment for sex
27 offenders or is engaged in and making progress in such treatment, if
28 any was ordered by a court, and the treatment provider believes such
29 contact is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child.

30 (g) The presumption established in (e) of this subsection may be
31 rebutted only after a written finding that:

32 (i) If the child was not the victim of the sex offense committed by
33 the person who is residing with the parent requesting residential time,
34 (A) contact between the child and the parent residing with the
35 convicted or adjudicated person is appropriate and that parent is able
36 to protect the child in the presence of the convicted or adjudicated
37 person, and (B) the convicted or adjudicated person has successfully
38 engaged in treatment for sex offenders or is engaged in and making

1 progress in such treatment, if any was ordered by a court, and the
2 treatment provider believes such contact is appropriate and poses
3 minimal risk to the child; or

4 (ii) If the child was the victim of the sex offense committed by
5 the person who is residing with the parent requesting residential time,
6 (A) contact between the child and the parent in the presence of the
7 convicted or adjudicated person is appropriate and poses minimal risk
8 to the child, (B) if the child is in or has been in therapy for victims
9 of sexual abuse, the child's counselor believes such contact between
10 the child and the parent residing with the convicted or adjudicated
11 person in the presence of the convicted or adjudicated person is in the
12 child's best interest, and (C) the convicted or adjudicated person has
13 successfully engaged in treatment for sex offenders or is engaged in
14 and making progress in such treatment, if any was ordered by a court,
15 and the treatment provider believes contact between the parent and
16 child in the presence of the convicted or adjudicated person is
17 appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child.

18 (h) If the court finds that the parent has met the burden of
19 rebutting the presumption under (f) of this subsection, the court may
20 allow a parent who has been convicted as an adult of a sex offense
21 listed in (d)(i) through (ix) of this subsection to have residential
22 time with the child supervised by a neutral and independent adult and
23 pursuant to an adequate plan for supervision of such residential time.
24 The court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between the
25 child and the parent unless the court finds, based on the evidence,
26 that the supervisor is willing and capable of protecting the child from
27 harm. The court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon
28 finding, based on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to
29 protect the child or is no longer willing or capable of protecting the
30 child.

31 (i) If the court finds that the parent has met the burden of
32 rebutting the presumption under (g) of this subsection, the court may
33 allow a parent residing with a person who has been adjudicated as a
34 juvenile of a sex offense listed in (e)(i) through (ix) of this
35 subsection to have residential time with the child in the presence of
36 the person adjudicated as a juvenile, supervised by a neutral and
37 independent adult and pursuant to an adequate plan for supervision of
38 such residential time. The court shall not approve of a supervisor for

1 contact between the child and the parent unless the court finds, based
2 on the evidence, that the supervisor is willing and capable of
3 protecting the child from harm. The court shall revoke court approval
4 of the supervisor upon finding, based on the evidence, that the
5 supervisor has failed to protect the child or is no longer willing or
6 capable of protecting the child.

7 (j) If the court finds that the parent has met the burden of
8 rebutting the presumption under (g) of this subsection, the court may
9 allow a parent residing with a person who, as an adult, has been
10 convicted of a sex offense listed in (e)(i) through (ix) of this
11 subsection to have residential time with the child in the presence of
12 the convicted person supervised by a neutral and independent adult and
13 pursuant to an adequate plan for supervision of such residential time.
14 The court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between the
15 child and the parent unless the court finds, based on the evidence,
16 that the supervisor is willing and capable of protecting the child from
17 harm. The court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon
18 finding, based on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to
19 protect the child or is no longer willing or capable of protecting the
20 child.

21 (k) A court shall not order unsupervised contact between the
22 offending parent and a child of the offending parent who was sexually
23 abused by that parent. A court may order unsupervised contact between
24 the offending parent and a child who was not sexually abused by the
25 parent after the presumption under (d) of this subsection has been
26 rebutted and supervised residential time has occurred for at least two
27 years with no further arrests or convictions of sex offenses involving
28 children under chapter 9A.44 RCW, RCW 9A.64.020, or chapter 9.68A RCW
29 and (i) the sex offense of the offending parent was not committed
30 against a child of the offending parent, and (ii) the court finds that
31 unsupervised contact between the child and the offending parent is
32 appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child, after consideration of
33 the testimony of a state-certified therapist, mental health counselor,
34 or social worker with expertise in treating child sexual abuse victims
35 who has supervised at least one period of residential time between the
36 parent and the child, and after consideration of evidence of the
37 offending parent's compliance with community supervision requirements,
38 if any. If the offending parent was not ordered by a court to

1 participate in treatment for sex offenders, then the parent shall
2 obtain a psychosexual evaluation conducted by a certified sex offender
3 treatment provider or a certified affiliate sex offender treatment
4 provider indicating that the offender has the lowest likelihood of risk
5 to reoffend before the court grants unsupervised contact between the
6 parent and a child.

7 (l) A court may order unsupervised contact between the parent and
8 a child which may occur in the presence of a juvenile adjudicated of a
9 sex offense listed in (e)(i) through (ix) of this subsection who
10 resides with the parent after the presumption under (e) of this
11 subsection has been rebutted and supervised residential time has
12 occurred for at least two years during which time the adjudicated
13 juvenile has had no further arrests, adjudications, or convictions of
14 sex offenses involving children under chapter 9A.44 RCW, RCW 9A.64.020,
15 or chapter 9.68A RCW, and (i) the court finds that unsupervised contact
16 between the child and the parent that may occur in the presence of the
17 adjudicated juvenile is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the
18 child, after consideration of the testimony of a state-certified
19 therapist, mental health counselor, or social worker with expertise in
20 treatment of child sexual abuse victims who has supervised at least one
21 period of residential time between the parent and the child in the
22 presence of the adjudicated juvenile, and after consideration of
23 evidence of the adjudicated juvenile's compliance with community
24 supervision or parole requirements, if any. If the adjudicated
25 juvenile was not ordered by a court to participate in treatment for sex
26 offenders, then the adjudicated juvenile shall obtain a psychosexual
27 evaluation conducted by a certified sex offender treatment provider or
28 a certified affiliate sex offender treatment provider indicating that
29 the adjudicated juvenile has the lowest likelihood of risk to reoffend
30 before the court grants unsupervised contact between the parent and a
31 child which may occur in the presence of the adjudicated juvenile who
32 is residing with the parent.

33 (m)(i) The limitations imposed by the court under (a) or (b) of
34 this subsection shall be reasonably calculated to protect the child
35 from the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or harm that could result
36 if the child has contact with the parent requesting residential time.
37 The limitations shall also be reasonably calculated to provide for the
38 safety of the parent who may be at risk of physical, sexual, or

1 emotional abuse or harm that could result if the parent has contact
2 with the parent requesting residential time. The limitations the court
3 may impose include, but are not limited to: Supervised contact between
4 the child and the parent or completion of relevant counseling or
5 treatment. If the court expressly finds based on the evidence that
6 limitations on the residential time with the child will not adequately
7 protect the child from the harm or abuse that could result if the child
8 has contact with the parent requesting residential time, the court
9 shall restrain the parent requesting residential time from all contact
10 with the child.

11 (ii) The court shall not enter an order under (a) of this
12 subsection allowing a parent to have contact with a child if the parent
13 has been found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by
14 a preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually
15 abused the child, except upon recommendation by an evaluator or
16 therapist for the child that the child is ready for contact with the
17 parent and will not be harmed by the contact. The court shall not
18 enter an order allowing a parent to have contact with the child in the
19 offender's presence if the parent resides with a person who has been
20 found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by a
21 preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually
22 abused a child, unless the court finds that the parent accepts that the
23 person engaged in the harmful conduct and the parent is willing to and
24 capable of protecting the child from harm from the person.

25 (iii) If the court limits residential time under (a) or (b) of this
26 subsection to require supervised contact between the child and the
27 parent, the court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between
28 a child and a parent who has engaged in physical, sexual, or a pattern
29 of emotional abuse of the child unless the court finds based upon the
30 evidence that the supervisor accepts that the harmful conduct occurred
31 and is willing to and capable of protecting the child from harm. The
32 court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon finding, based
33 on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to protect the child or
34 is no longer willing to or capable of protecting the child.

35 (n) If the court expressly finds based on the evidence that
36 contact between the parent and the child will not cause physical,
37 sexual, or emotional abuse or harm to the child and that the
38 probability that the parent's or other person's harmful or abusive

1 conduct will recur is so remote that it would not be in the child's
2 best interests to apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (m)(i) and
3 (iii) of this subsection, or if the court expressly finds that the
4 parent's conduct did not have an impact on the child, then the court
5 need not apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (m)(i) and (iii) of
6 this subsection. The weight given to the existence of a protection
7 order issued under chapter 26.50 RCW as to domestic violence is within
8 the discretion of the court. This subsection shall not apply when (c),
9 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m)(ii) of this
10 subsection apply.

11 (3) A parent's involvement or conduct may have an adverse effect on
12 the child's best interests, and the court may preclude or limit any
13 provisions of the parenting plan, if any of the following factors
14 exist:

15 (a) A parent's neglect or substantial nonperformance of parenting
16 functions;

17 (b) A long-term emotional or physical impairment which interferes
18 with the parent's performance of parenting functions as defined in RCW
19 26.09.004;

20 (c) A long-term impairment resulting from drug, alcohol, or other
21 substance abuse that interferes with the performance of parenting
22 functions;

23 (d) The absence or substantial impairment of emotional ties between
24 the parent and the child;

25 (e) The abusive use of conflict by the parent which creates the
26 danger of serious damage to the child's psychological development;

27 (f) A parent has withheld from the other parent access to the child
28 for a protracted period without good cause; or

29 (g) Such other factors or conduct as the court expressly finds
30 adverse to the best interests of the child.

31 (4) In cases involving allegations of limiting factors under
32 subsection (2)(a)(ii) and (iii) of this section, both parties shall be
33 screened to determine the appropriateness of a comprehensive assessment
34 regarding the impact of the limiting factor on the child and the
35 parties.

36 (5) In entering a permanent parenting plan, the court shall not
37 draw any presumptions from the provisions of the temporary parenting
38 plan.

1 (6) In determining whether any of the conduct described in this
2 section has occurred, the court shall apply the civil rules of
3 evidence, proof, and procedure.

4 (7) For the purposes of this section((7)):

5 (a) "A parent's child" means that parent's natural child, adopted
6 child, or stepchild; and

7 (b) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further
8 advanced degree from a social work educational program accredited and
9 approved as provided in section 2 of this act.

10 **Sec. 7.** RCW 26.10.160 and 2004 c 38 s 13 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) A parent not granted custody of the child is entitled to
13 reasonable visitation rights except as provided in subsection (2) of
14 this section.

15 (2)(a) Visitation with the child shall be limited if it is found
16 that the parent seeking visitation has engaged in any of the following
17 conduct: (i) Willful abandonment that continues for an extended period
18 of time or substantial refusal to perform parenting functions; (ii)
19 physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child; (iii) a
20 history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or
21 an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous bodily harm or the
22 fear of such harm; or (iv) the parent has been convicted as an adult of
23 a sex offense under:

24 (A) RCW 9A.44.076 if, because of the difference in age between the
25 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (d) of
26 this subsection;

27 (B) RCW 9A.44.079 if, because of the difference in age between the
28 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (d) of
29 this subsection;

30 (C) RCW 9A.44.086 if, because of the difference in age between the
31 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (d) of
32 this subsection;

33 (D) RCW 9A.44.089;

34 (E) RCW 9A.44.093;

35 (F) RCW 9A.44.096;

36 (G) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2) if, because of the difference in age

1 between the offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists
2 under (d) of this subsection;

3 (H) Chapter 9.68A RCW;

4 (I) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses listed
5 in (a)(iv)(A) through (H) of this subsection;

6 (J) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an
7 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (a)(iv)(A) through (H) of
8 this subsection.

9 This subsection (2)(a) shall not apply when (c) or (d) of this
10 subsection applies.

11 (b) The parent's visitation with the child shall be limited if it
12 is found that the parent resides with a person who has engaged in any
13 of the following conduct: (i) Physical, sexual, or a pattern of
14 emotional abuse of a child; (ii) a history of acts of domestic violence
15 as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault that
16 causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm; or (iii) the
17 person has been convicted as an adult or as a juvenile has been
18 adjudicated of a sex offense under:

19 (A) RCW 9A.44.076 if, because of the difference in age between the
20 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (e) of
21 this subsection;

22 (B) RCW 9A.44.079 if, because of the difference in age between the
23 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (e) of
24 this subsection;

25 (C) RCW 9A.44.086 if, because of the difference in age between the
26 offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists under (e) of
27 this subsection;

28 (D) RCW 9A.44.089;

29 (E) RCW 9A.44.093;

30 (F) RCW 9A.44.096;

31 (G) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2) if, because of the difference in age
32 between the offender and the victim, no rebuttable presumption exists
33 under (e) of this subsection;

34 (H) Chapter 9.68A RCW;

35 (I) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses listed
36 in (b)(iii)(A) through (H) of this subsection;

37 (J) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an

1 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (b)(iii)(A) through (H) of
2 this subsection.

3 This subsection (2)(b) shall not apply when (c) or (e) of this
4 subsection applies.

5 (c) If a parent has been found to be a sexual predator under
6 chapter 71.09 RCW or under an analogous statute of any other
7 jurisdiction, the court shall restrain the parent from contact with a
8 child that would otherwise be allowed under this chapter. If a parent
9 resides with an adult or a juvenile who has been found to be a sexual
10 predator under chapter 71.09 RCW or under an analogous statute of any
11 other jurisdiction, the court shall restrain the parent from contact
12 with the parent's child except contact that occurs outside that
13 person's presence.

14 (d) There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent who has been
15 convicted as an adult of a sex offense listed in (d)(i) through (ix) of
16 this subsection poses a present danger to a child. Unless the parent
17 rebuts this presumption, the court shall restrain the parent from
18 contact with a child that would otherwise be allowed under this
19 chapter:

20 (i) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2), provided that the person convicted
21 was at least five years older than the other person;

22 (ii) RCW 9A.44.073;

23 (iii) RCW 9A.44.076, provided that the person convicted was at
24 least eight years older than the victim;

25 (iv) RCW 9A.44.079, provided that the person convicted was at least
26 eight years older than the victim;

27 (v) RCW 9A.44.083;

28 (vi) RCW 9A.44.086, provided that the person convicted was at least
29 eight years older than the victim;

30 (vii) RCW 9A.44.100;

31 (viii) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses
32 listed in (d)(i) through (vii) of this subsection;

33 (ix) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an
34 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (d)(i) through (vii) of
35 this subsection.

36 (e) There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent who resides
37 with a person who, as an adult, has been convicted, or as a juvenile
38 has been adjudicated, of the sex offenses listed in (e)(i) through (ix)

1 of this subsection places a child at risk of abuse or harm when that
2 parent exercises visitation in the presence of the convicted or
3 adjudicated person. Unless the parent rebuts the presumption, the
4 court shall restrain the parent from contact with the parent's child
5 except for contact that occurs outside of the convicted or adjudicated
6 person's presence:

7 (i) RCW 9A.64.020 (1) or (2), provided that the person convicted
8 was at least five years older than the other person;

9 (ii) RCW 9A.44.073;

10 (iii) RCW 9A.44.076, provided that the person convicted was at
11 least eight years older than the victim;

12 (iv) RCW 9A.44.079, provided that the person convicted was at least
13 eight years older than the victim;

14 (v) RCW 9A.44.083;

15 (vi) RCW 9A.44.086, provided that the person convicted was at least
16 eight years older than the victim;

17 (vii) RCW 9A.44.100;

18 (viii) Any predecessor or antecedent statute for the offenses
19 listed in (e)(i) through (vii) of this subsection;

20 (ix) Any statute from any other jurisdiction that describes an
21 offense analogous to the offenses listed in (e)(i) through (vii) of
22 this subsection.

23 (f) The presumption established in (d) of this subsection may be
24 rebutted only after a written finding that:

25 (i) If the child was not the victim of the sex offense committed by
26 the parent requesting visitation, (A) contact between the child and the
27 offending parent is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child,
28 and (B) the offending parent has successfully engaged in treatment for
29 sex offenders or is engaged in and making progress in such treatment,
30 if any was ordered by a court, and the treatment provider believes such
31 contact is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child; or

32 (ii) If the child was the victim of the sex offense committed by
33 the parent requesting visitation, (A) contact between the child and the
34 offending parent is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child,
35 (B) if the child is in or has been in therapy for victims of sexual
36 abuse, the child's counselor believes such contact between the child
37 and the offending parent is in the child's best interest, and (C) the
38 offending parent has successfully engaged in treatment for sex

1 offenders or is engaged in and making progress in such treatment, if
2 any was ordered by a court, and the treatment provider believes such
3 contact is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child.

4 (g) The presumption established in (e) of this subsection may be
5 rebutted only after a written finding that:

6 (i) If the child was not the victim of the sex offense committed by
7 the person who is residing with the parent requesting visitation, (A)
8 contact between the child and the parent residing with the convicted or
9 adjudicated person is appropriate and that parent is able to protect
10 the child in the presence of the convicted or adjudicated person, and
11 (B) the convicted or adjudicated person has successfully engaged in
12 treatment for sex offenders or is engaged in and making progress in
13 such treatment, if any was ordered by a court, and the treatment
14 provider believes such contact is appropriate and poses minimal risk to
15 the child; or

16 (ii) If the child was the victim of the sex offense committed by
17 the person who is residing with the parent requesting visitation, (A)
18 contact between the child and the parent in the presence of the
19 convicted or adjudicated person is appropriate and poses minimal risk
20 to the child, (B) if the child is in or has been in therapy for victims
21 of sexual abuse, the child's counselor believes such contact between
22 the child and the parent residing with the convicted or adjudicated
23 person in the presence of the convicted or adjudicated person is in the
24 child's best interest, and (C) the convicted or adjudicated person has
25 successfully engaged in treatment for sex offenders or is engaged in
26 and making progress in such treatment, if any was ordered by a court,
27 and the treatment provider believes contact between the parent and
28 child in the presence of the convicted or adjudicated person is
29 appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child.

30 (h) If the court finds that the parent has met the burden of
31 rebutting the presumption under (f) of this subsection, the court may
32 allow a parent who has been convicted as an adult of a sex offense
33 listed in (d)(i) through (ix) of this subsection to have visitation
34 with the child supervised by a neutral and independent adult and
35 pursuant to an adequate plan for supervision of such visitation. The
36 court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between the child
37 and the parent unless the court finds, based on the evidence, that the
38 supervisor is willing and capable of protecting the child from harm.

1 The court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon finding,
2 based on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to protect the
3 child or is no longer willing or capable of protecting the child.

4 (i) If the court finds that the parent has met the burden of
5 rebutting the presumption under (g) of this subsection, the court may
6 allow a parent residing with a person who has been adjudicated as a
7 juvenile of a sex offense listed in (e)(i) through (ix) of this
8 subsection to have visitation with the child in the presence of the
9 person adjudicated as a juvenile, supervised by a neutral and
10 independent adult and pursuant to an adequate plan for supervision of
11 such visitation. The court shall not approve of a supervisor for
12 contact between the child and the parent unless the court finds, based
13 on the evidence, that the supervisor is willing and capable of
14 protecting the child from harm. The court shall revoke court approval
15 of the supervisor upon finding, based on the evidence, that the
16 supervisor has failed to protect the child or is no longer willing or
17 capable of protecting the child.

18 (j) If the court finds that the parent has met the burden of
19 rebutting the presumption under (g) of this subsection, the court may
20 allow a parent residing with a person who, as an adult, has been
21 convicted of a sex offense listed in (e)(i) through (ix) of this
22 subsection to have visitation with the child in the presence of the
23 convicted person supervised by a neutral and independent adult and
24 pursuant to an adequate plan for supervision of such visitation. The
25 court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between the child
26 and the parent unless the court finds, based on the evidence, that the
27 supervisor is willing and capable of protecting the child from harm.
28 The court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon finding,
29 based on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to protect the
30 child or is no longer willing or capable of protecting the child.

31 (k) A court shall not order unsupervised contact between the
32 offending parent and a child of the offending parent who was sexually
33 abused by that parent. A court may order unsupervised contact between
34 the offending parent and a child who was not sexually abused by the
35 parent after the presumption under (d) of this subsection has been
36 rebutted and supervised visitation has occurred for at least two years
37 with no further arrests or convictions of sex offenses involving
38 children under chapter 9A.44 RCW, RCW 9A.64.020, or chapter 9.68A RCW

1 and (i) the sex offense of the offending parent was not committed
2 against a child of the offending parent, and (ii) the court finds that
3 unsupervised contact between the child and the offending parent is
4 appropriate and poses minimal risk to the child, after consideration of
5 the testimony of a state-certified therapist, mental health counselor,
6 or social worker with expertise in treating child sexual abuse victims
7 who has supervised at least one period of visitation between the parent
8 and the child, and after consideration of evidence of the offending
9 parent's compliance with community supervision requirements, if any.
10 If the offending parent was not ordered by a court to participate in
11 treatment for sex offenders, then the parent shall obtain a
12 psychosexual evaluation conducted by a certified sex offender treatment
13 provider or a certified affiliate sex offender treatment provider
14 indicating that the offender has the lowest likelihood of risk to
15 reoffend before the court grants unsupervised contact between the
16 parent and a child.

17 (1) A court may order unsupervised contact between the parent and
18 a child which may occur in the presence of a juvenile adjudicated of a
19 sex offense listed in (e)(i) through (ix) of this subsection who
20 resides with the parent after the presumption under (e) of this
21 subsection has been rebutted and supervised visitation has occurred for
22 at least two years during which time the adjudicated juvenile has had
23 no further arrests, adjudications, or convictions of sex offenses
24 involving children under chapter 9A.44 RCW, RCW 9A.64.020, or chapter
25 9.68A RCW, and (i) the court finds that unsupervised contact between
26 the child and the parent that may occur in the presence of the
27 adjudicated juvenile is appropriate and poses minimal risk to the
28 child, after consideration of the testimony of a state-certified
29 therapist, mental health counselor, or social worker with expertise in
30 treatment of child sexual abuse victims who has supervised at least one
31 period of visitation between the parent and the child in the presence
32 of the adjudicated juvenile, and after consideration of evidence of the
33 adjudicated juvenile's compliance with community supervision or parole
34 requirements, if any. If the adjudicated juvenile was not ordered by
35 a court to participate in treatment for sex offenders, then the
36 adjudicated juvenile shall obtain a psychosexual evaluation conducted
37 by a certified sex offender treatment provider or a certified affiliate
38 sex offender treatment provider indicating that the adjudicated

1 juvenile has the lowest likelihood of risk to reoffend before the court
2 grants unsupervised contact between the parent and a child which may
3 occur in the presence of the adjudicated juvenile who is residing with
4 the parent.

5 (m)(i) The limitations imposed by the court under (a) or (b) of
6 this subsection shall be reasonably calculated to protect the child
7 from the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or harm that could result
8 if the child has contact with the parent requesting visitation. If the
9 court expressly finds based on the evidence that limitations on
10 visitation with the child will not adequately protect the child from
11 the harm or abuse that could result if the child has contact with the
12 parent requesting visitation, the court shall restrain the person
13 seeking visitation from all contact with the child.

14 (ii) The court shall not enter an order under (a) of this
15 subsection allowing a parent to have contact with a child if the parent
16 has been found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by
17 a preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually
18 abused the child, except upon recommendation by an evaluator or
19 therapist for the child that the child is ready for contact with the
20 parent and will not be harmed by the contact. The court shall not
21 enter an order allowing a parent to have contact with the child in the
22 offender's presence if the parent resides with a person who has been
23 found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by a
24 preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually
25 abused a child, unless the court finds that the parent accepts that the
26 person engaged in the harmful conduct and the parent is willing to and
27 capable of protecting the child from harm from the person.

28 (iii) If the court limits visitation under (a) or (b) of this
29 subsection to require supervised contact between the child and the
30 parent, the court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between
31 a child and a parent who has engaged in physical, sexual, or a pattern
32 of emotional abuse of the child unless the court finds based upon the
33 evidence that the supervisor accepts that the harmful conduct occurred
34 and is willing to and capable of protecting the child from harm. The
35 court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon finding, based
36 on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to protect the child or
37 is no longer willing to or capable of protecting the child.

1 (n) If the court expressly finds based on the evidence that
2 contact between the parent and the child will not cause physical,
3 sexual, or emotional abuse or harm to the child and that the
4 probability that the parent's or other person's harmful or abusive
5 conduct will recur is so remote that it would not be in the child's
6 best interests to apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (m)(i) and
7 (iii) of this subsection, or if the court expressly finds that the
8 parent's conduct did not have an impact on the child, then the court
9 need not apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (m)(i) and (iii) of
10 this subsection. The weight given to the existence of a protection
11 order issued under chapter 26.50 RCW as to domestic violence is within
12 the discretion of the court. This subsection shall not apply when (c),
13 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m)(ii) of this
14 subsection apply.

15 (3) Any person may petition the court for visitation rights at any
16 time including, but not limited to, custody proceedings. The court may
17 order visitation rights for any person when visitation may serve the
18 best interest of the child whether or not there has been any change of
19 circumstances.

20 (4) The court may modify an order granting or denying visitation
21 rights whenever modification would serve the best interests of the
22 child. Modification of a parent's visitation rights shall be subject
23 to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

24 (5) For the purposes of this section(~~(7)~~):

25 (a) "A parent's child" means that parent's natural child, adopted
26 child, or stepchild; and

27 (b) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further
28 advanced degree from a social work educational program accredited and
29 approved as provided in section 2 of this act.

30 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.170.080 and 2005 c 497 s 213 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) Grants provided under RCW 28A.170.090 may be used solely for
33 services provided by a substance abuse intervention specialist or for
34 dedicated staff time for counseling and intervention services provided
35 by any school district certificated employee who has been trained by
36 and has access to consultation with a substance abuse intervention
37 specialist. Services shall be directed at assisting students in

1 kindergarten through twelfth grade in overcoming problems of drug and
2 alcohol abuse, and in preventing abuse and addiction to such
3 substances, including nicotine. The grants shall require local
4 matching funds so that the grant amounts support a maximum of eighty
5 percent of the costs of the services funded. The services of a
6 substance abuse intervention specialist may be obtained by means of a
7 contract with a state or community services agency or a drug treatment
8 center. Services provided by a substance abuse intervention specialist
9 may include:

- 10 (a) Individual and family counseling, including preventive
11 counseling;
- 12 (b) Assessment and referral for treatment;
- 13 (c) Referral to peer support groups;
- 14 (d) Aftercare;
- 15 (e) Development and supervision of student mentor programs;
- 16 (f) Staff training, including training in the identification of
17 high-risk children and effective interaction with those children in the
18 classroom; and
- 19 (g) Development and coordination of school drug and alcohol core
20 teams, involving staff, students, parents, and community members.

21 (2) For the purposes of this section, "substance abuse intervention
22 specialist" means any one of the following, except that diagnosis and
23 assessment, counseling and aftercare specifically identified with
24 treatment of chemical dependency shall be performed only by personnel
25 who meet the same qualifications as are required of a qualified
26 chemical dependency counselor employed by an alcoholism or drug
27 treatment program approved by the department of social and health
28 services.

29 (a) An educational staff associate employed by a school district or
30 educational service district who holds certification as a school
31 counselor, school psychologist, school nurse, or school social worker
32 under Washington professional educator standards board rules adopted
33 pursuant to RCW 28A.410.210;

34 (b) An individual who meets the definition of a qualified drug or
35 alcohol counselor established by the bureau of alcohol and substance
36 abuse;

37 (c) A (~~counselor, social worker, or other~~) qualified professional
38 employed by the department of social and health services;

- 1 (d) A psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW; or
2 (e) A children's mental health specialist as defined in RCW
3 71.34.020.

4 **Sec. 9.** RCW 70.96A.037 and 2009 c 579 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department of social and health services shall contract for
7 chemical dependency specialist services at division of children and
8 family services offices to enhance the timeliness and quality of child
9 protective services assessments and to better connect families to
10 needed treatment services.

11 (2) The chemical dependency specialist's duties may include, but
12 are not limited to: Conducting on-site chemical dependency screening
13 and assessment, facilitating progress reports to department (~~social~~
14 ~~workers~~) employees, in-service training of department (~~social~~
15 ~~workers~~) employees and staff on substance abuse issues, referring
16 clients from the department to treatment providers, and providing
17 consultation on cases to department (~~social workers~~) employees.

18 (3) The department of social and health services shall provide
19 training in and ensure that each case-carrying (~~social worker~~)
20 employee is trained in uniform screening for mental health and chemical
21 dependency.

22 **Sec. 10.** RCW 70.96B.010 and 2008 c 320 s 3 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
25 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

26 (1) "Admission" or "admit" means a decision by a physician that a
27 person should be examined or treated as a patient in a hospital, an
28 evaluation and treatment facility, or other inpatient facility, or a
29 decision by a professional person in charge or his or her designee that
30 a person should be detained as a patient for evaluation and treatment
31 in a secure detoxification facility or other certified chemical
32 dependency provider.

33 (2) "Antipsychotic medications" means that class of drugs primarily
34 used to treat serious manifestations of mental illness associated with
35 thought disorders, which includes but is not limited to atypical
36 antipsychotic medications.

1 (3) "Approved treatment program" means a discrete program of
2 chemical dependency treatment provided by a treatment program certified
3 by the department as meeting standards adopted under chapter 70.96A
4 RCW.

5 (4) "Attending staff" means any person on the staff of a public or
6 private agency having responsibility for the care and treatment of a
7 patient.

8 (5) "Chemical dependency" means:

9 (a) Alcoholism;

10 (b) Drug addiction; or

11 (c) Dependence on alcohol and one or more other psychoactive
12 chemicals, as the context requires.

13 (6) "Chemical dependency professional" means a person certified as
14 a chemical dependency professional by the department of health under
15 chapter 18.205 RCW.

16 (7) "Commitment" means the determination by a court that a person
17 should be detained for a period of either evaluation or treatment, or
18 both, in an inpatient or a less restrictive setting.

19 (8) "Conditional release" means a revocable modification of a
20 commitment that may be revoked upon violation of any of its terms.

21 (9) "Custody" means involuntary detention under either chapter
22 71.05 or 70.96A RCW or this chapter, uninterrupted by any period of
23 unconditional release from commitment from a facility providing
24 involuntary care and treatment.

25 (10) "Department" means the department of social and health
26 services.

27 (11) "Designated chemical dependency specialist" or "specialist"
28 means a person designated by the county alcoholism and other drug
29 addiction program coordinator designated under RCW 70.96A.310 to
30 perform the commitment duties described in RCW 70.96A.140 and this
31 chapter, and qualified to do so by meeting standards adopted by the
32 department.

33 (12) "Designated crisis responder" means a person designated by the
34 county or regional support network to perform the duties specified in
35 this chapter.

36 (13) "Designated mental health professional" means a mental health
37 professional designated by the county or other authority authorized in
38 rule to perform the duties specified in this chapter.

1 (14) "Detention" or "detain" means the lawful confinement of a
2 person under this chapter, or chapter 70.96A or 71.05 RCW.

3 (15) "Developmental disabilities professional" means a person who
4 has specialized training and three years of experience in directly
5 treating or working with individuals with developmental disabilities
6 and is a psychiatrist, psychologist, or social worker, and such other
7 developmental disabilities professionals as may be defined by rules
8 adopted by the secretary.

9 (16) "Developmental disability" means that condition defined in RCW
10 71A.10.020.

11 (17) "Discharge" means the termination of facility authority. The
12 commitment may remain in place, be terminated, or be amended by court
13 order.

14 (18) "Evaluation and treatment facility" means any facility that
15 can provide directly, or by direct arrangement with other public or
16 private agencies, emergency evaluation and treatment, outpatient care,
17 and timely and appropriate inpatient care to persons suffering from a
18 mental disorder, and that is certified as such by the department. A
19 physically separate and separately operated portion of a state hospital
20 may be designated as an evaluation and treatment facility. A facility
21 that is part of, or operated by, the department or any federal agency
22 does not require certification. No correctional institution or
23 facility, or jail, may be an evaluation and treatment facility within
24 the meaning of this chapter.

25 (19) "Facility" means either an evaluation and treatment facility
26 or a secure detoxification facility.

27 (20) "Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person, as a
28 result of a mental disorder, or as a result of the use of alcohol or
29 other psychoactive chemicals:

30 (a) Is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from a failure
31 to provide for his or her essential human needs of health or safety; or

32 (b) Manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning evidenced
33 by repeated and escalating loss of cognitive or volitional control over
34 his or her actions and is not receiving such care as is essential for
35 his or her health or safety.

36 (21) "History of one or more violent acts" refers to the period of
37 time ten years before the filing of a petition under this chapter, or
38 chapter 70.96A or 71.05 RCW, excluding any time spent, but not any

1 violent acts committed, in a mental health facility or a long-term
2 alcoholism or drug treatment facility, or in confinement as a result of
3 a criminal conviction.

4 (22) "Imminent" means the state or condition of being likely to
5 occur at any moment or near at hand, rather than distant or remote.

6 (23) "Intoxicated person" means a person whose mental or physical
7 functioning is substantially impaired as a result of the use of alcohol
8 or other psychoactive chemicals.

9 (24) "Judicial commitment" means a commitment by a court under this
10 chapter.

11 (25) "Licensed physician" means a person licensed to practice
12 medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of
13 Washington.

14 (26) "Likelihood of serious harm" means:

15 (a) A substantial risk that:

16 (i) Physical harm will be inflicted by a person upon his or her own
17 person, as evidenced by threats or attempts to commit suicide or
18 inflict physical harm on oneself;

19 (ii) Physical harm will be inflicted by a person upon another, as
20 evidenced by behavior that has caused such harm or that places another
21 person or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm; or

22 (iii) Physical harm will be inflicted by a person upon the property
23 of others, as evidenced by behavior that has caused substantial loss or
24 damage to the property of others; or

25 (b) The person has threatened the physical safety of another and
26 has a history of one or more violent acts.

27 (27) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional
28 impairment that has substantial adverse effects on a person's cognitive
29 or volitional functions.

30 (28) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist,
31 psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other
32 mental health professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the
33 secretary under the authority of chapter 71.05 RCW.

34 (29) "Peace officer" means a law enforcement official of a public
35 agency or governmental unit, and includes persons specifically given
36 peace officer powers by any state law, local ordinance, or judicial
37 order of appointment.

1 (30) "Person in charge" means a physician or chemical dependency
2 counselor as defined in rule by the department, who is empowered by a
3 certified treatment program with authority to make assessment,
4 admission, continuing care, and discharge decisions on behalf of the
5 certified program.

6 (31) "Private agency" means any person, partnership, corporation,
7 or association that is not a public agency, whether or not financed in
8 whole or in part by public funds, that constitutes an evaluation and
9 treatment facility or private institution, or hospital, or approved
10 treatment program, that is conducted for, or includes a department or
11 ward conducted for, the care and treatment of persons who are mentally
12 ill and/or chemically dependent.

13 (32) "Professional person" means a mental health professional or
14 chemical dependency professional and shall also mean a physician,
15 registered nurse, and such others as may be defined by rules adopted by
16 the secretary pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

17 (33) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician
18 and surgeon in this state who has in addition completed three years of
19 graduate training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American
20 medical association or the American osteopathic association and is
21 certified or eligible to be certified by the American board of
22 psychiatry and neurology.

23 (34) "Psychologist" means a person who has been licensed as a
24 psychologist under chapter 18.83 RCW.

25 (35) "Public agency" means any evaluation and treatment facility or
26 institution, or hospital, or approved treatment program that is
27 conducted for, or includes a department or ward conducted for, the care
28 and treatment of persons who are mentally ill and/or chemically
29 dependent, if the agency is operated directly by federal, state,
30 county, or municipal government, or a combination of such governments.

31 (36) "Registration records" means all the records of the
32 department, regional support networks, treatment facilities, and other
33 persons providing services to the department, county departments, or
34 facilities which identify persons who are receiving or who at any time
35 have received services for mental illness.

36 (37) "Release" means legal termination of the commitment under
37 chapter 70.96A or 71.05 RCW or this chapter.

1 (38) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the
2 secretary's designee.

3 (39) "Secure detoxification facility" means a facility operated by
4 either a public or private agency or by the program of an agency that
5 serves the purpose of providing evaluation and assessment, and acute
6 and/or subacute detoxification services for intoxicated persons and
7 includes security measures sufficient to protect the patients, staff,
8 and community.

9 (40) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further
10 advanced degree from (~~(an accredited school of social work or a degree~~
11 ~~deemed equivalent under rules adopted by the secretary)) a social work
12 educational program accredited and approved as provided in section 2 of
13 this act.~~

14 (41) "Treatment records" means registration records and all other
15 records concerning persons who are receiving or who at any time have
16 received services for mental illness, which are maintained by the
17 department, by regional support networks and their staffs, and by
18 treatment facilities. Treatment records do not include notes or
19 records maintained for personal use by a person providing treatment
20 services for the department, regional support networks, or a treatment
21 facility if the notes or records are not available to others.

22 (42) "Violent act" means behavior that resulted in homicide,
23 attempted suicide, nonfatal injuries, or substantial damage to
24 property.

25 **Sec. 11.** RCW 70.97.010 and 2005 c 504 s 403 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
28 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

29 (1) "Antipsychotic medications" means that class of drugs primarily
30 used to treat serious manifestations of mental illness associated with
31 thought disorders, which includes but is not limited to atypical
32 antipsychotic medications.

33 (2) "Attending staff" means any person on the staff of a public or
34 private agency having responsibility for the care and treatment of a
35 patient.

36 (3) "Chemical dependency" means alcoholism, drug addiction, or

1 dependence on alcohol and one or more other psychoactive chemicals, as
2 the context requires and as those terms are defined in chapter 70.96A
3 RCW.

4 (4) "Chemical dependency professional" means a person certified as
5 a chemical dependency professional by the department of health under
6 chapter 18.205 RCW.

7 (5) "Commitment" means the determination by a court that an
8 individual should be detained for a period of either evaluation or
9 treatment, or both, in an inpatient or a less restrictive setting.

10 (6) "Conditional release" means a modification of a commitment that
11 may be revoked upon violation of any of its terms.

12 (7) "Custody" means involuntary detention under chapter 71.05 or
13 70.96A RCW, uninterrupted by any period of unconditional release from
14 commitment from a facility providing involuntary care and treatment.

15 (8) "Department" means the department of social and health
16 services.

17 (9) "Designated responder" means a designated mental health
18 professional, a designated chemical dependency specialist, or a
19 designated crisis responder as those terms are defined in chapter
20 70.96A, 71.05, or 70.96B RCW.

21 (10) "Detention" or "detain" means the lawful confinement of an
22 individual under chapter 70.96A or 71.05 RCW.

23 (11) "Discharge" means the termination of facility authority. The
24 commitment may remain in place, be terminated, or be amended by court
25 order.

26 (12) "Enhanced services facility" means a facility that provides
27 treatment and services to persons for whom acute inpatient treatment is
28 not medically necessary and who have been determined by the department
29 to be inappropriate for placement in other licensed facilities due to
30 the complex needs that result in behavioral and security issues.

31 (13) "Expanded community services program" means a nonsecure
32 program of enhanced behavioral and residential support provided to
33 long-term and residential care providers serving specifically eligible
34 clients who would otherwise be at risk for hospitalization at state
35 hospital geriatric units.

36 (14) "Facility" means an enhanced services facility.

37 (15) "Gravely disabled" means a condition in which an individual,

1 as a result of a mental disorder, as a result of the use of alcohol or
2 other psychoactive chemicals, or both:

3 (a) Is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from a failure
4 to provide for his or her essential human needs of health or safety; or

5 (b) Manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning evidenced
6 by repeated and escalating loss of cognitive or volitional control over
7 his or her actions and is not receiving such care as is essential for
8 his or her health or safety.

9 (16) "History of one or more violent acts" refers to the period of
10 time ten years before the filing of a petition under this chapter, or
11 chapter 70.96A or 71.05 RCW, excluding any time spent, but not any
12 violent acts committed, in a mental health facility or a long-term
13 alcoholism or drug treatment facility, or in confinement as a result of
14 a criminal conviction.

15 (17) "Licensed physician" means a person licensed to practice
16 medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of
17 Washington.

18 (18) "Likelihood of serious harm" means:

19 (a) A substantial risk that:

20 (i) Physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon his or
21 her own person, as evidenced by threats or attempts to commit suicide
22 or inflict physical harm on oneself;

23 (ii) Physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon another,
24 as evidenced by behavior that has caused such harm or that places
25 another person or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm;
26 or

27 (iii) Physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon the
28 property of others, as evidenced by behavior that has caused
29 substantial loss or damage to the property of others; or

30 (b) The individual has threatened the physical safety of another
31 and has a history of one or more violent acts.

32 (19) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional
33 impairment that has substantial adverse effects on an individual's
34 cognitive or volitional functions.

35 (20) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist,
36 psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other
37 mental health professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the
38 secretary under the authority of chapter 71.05 RCW.

1 (21) "Professional person" means a mental health professional and
2 also means a physician, registered nurse, and such others as may be
3 defined in rules adopted by the secretary pursuant to the provisions of
4 this chapter.

5 (22) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician
6 and surgeon in this state who has in addition completed three years of
7 graduate training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American
8 medical association or the American osteopathic association and is
9 certified or eligible to be certified by the American board of
10 psychiatry and neurology.

11 (23) "Psychologist" means a person who has been licensed as a
12 psychologist under chapter 18.83 RCW.

13 (24) "Registration records" include all the records of the
14 department, regional support networks, treatment facilities, and other
15 persons providing services to the department, county departments, or
16 facilities which identify individuals who are receiving or who at any
17 time have received services for mental illness.

18 (25) "Release" means legal termination of the commitment under
19 chapter 70.96A or 71.05 RCW.

20 (26) "Resident" means a person admitted to an enhanced services
21 facility.

22 (27) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the
23 secretary's designee.

24 (28) "Significant change" means:

25 (a) A deterioration in a resident's physical, mental, or
26 psychosocial condition that has caused or is likely to cause clinical
27 complications or life-threatening conditions; or

28 (b) An improvement in the resident's physical, mental, or
29 psychosocial condition that may make the resident eligible for release
30 or for treatment in a less intensive or less secure setting.

31 (29) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further
32 advanced degree from (~~(an accredited school of social work or a degree~~
33 ~~deemed equivalent under rules adopted by the secretary)) a social work
34 educational program accredited and approved as provided in section 2 of
35 this act.~~

36 (30) "Treatment" means the broad range of emergency,
37 detoxification, residential, inpatient, and outpatient services and
38 care, including diagnostic evaluation, mental health or chemical

1 dependency education and counseling, medical, psychiatric,
2 psychological, and social service care, vocational rehabilitation, and
3 career counseling, which may be extended to persons with mental
4 disorders, chemical dependency disorders, or both, and their families.

5 (31) "Treatment records" include registration and all other records
6 concerning individuals who are receiving or who at any time have
7 received services for mental illness, which are maintained by the
8 department, by regional support networks and their staffs, and by
9 treatment facilities. "Treatment records" do not include notes or
10 records maintained for personal use by an individual providing
11 treatment services for the department, regional support networks, or a
12 treatment facility if the notes or records are not available to others.

13 (32) "Violent act" means behavior that resulted in homicide,
14 attempted suicide, nonfatal injuries, or substantial damage to
15 property.

16 **Sec. 12.** RCW 70.126.020 and 1984 c 22 s 5 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) Home health care shall be provided by a home health agency and
19 shall:

20 (a) Be delivered by a registered nurse, physical therapist,
21 occupational therapist, speech therapist, or home health aide on a
22 part-time or intermittent basis;

23 (b) Include, as applicable under the written plan, supplies and
24 equipment such as:

25 (i) Drugs and medicines that are legally obtainable only upon a
26 physician's written prescription, and insulin;

27 (ii) Rental of durable medical apparatus and medical equipment such
28 as wheelchairs, hospital beds, respirators, splints, trusses, braces,
29 or crutches needed for treatment;

30 (iii) Supplies normally used for hospital inpatients and dispensed
31 by the home health agency such as oxygen, catheters, needles, syringes,
32 dressings, materials used in aseptic techniques, irrigation solutions,
33 and intravenous fluids.

34 (2) The following services may be included when medically
35 necessary, ordered by the attending physician, and included in the
36 approved plan of treatment:

37 (a) Licensed practical nurses;

1 (b) Respiratory therapists;

2 (c) Social workers holding a master's degree or further advanced
3 degree from a social work educational program accredited and approved
4 as provided in section 2 of this act;

5 (d) Ambulance service that is certified by the physician as
6 necessary in the approved plan of treatment because of the patient's
7 physical condition or for unexpected emergency situations.

8 (3) Services not included in home health care include:

9 (a) Nonmedical, custodial, or housekeeping services except by home
10 health aides as ordered in the approved plan of treatment;

11 (b) "Meals on Wheels" or similar food services;

12 (c) Nutritional guidance;

13 (d) Services performed by family members;

14 (e) Services not included in an approved plan of treatment;

15 (f) Supportive environmental materials such as handrails, ramps,
16 telephones, air conditioners, and similar appliances and devices.

17 **Sec. 13.** RCW 70.127.010 and 2003 c 140 s 7 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
20 this section apply throughout this chapter.

21 (1) "Administrator" means an individual responsible for managing
22 the operation of an agency.

23 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

24 (3) "Director of clinical services" means an individual responsible
25 for nursing, therapy, nutritional, social, and related services that
26 support the plan of care provided by in-home health and hospice
27 agencies.

28 (4) "Family" means individuals who are important to, and designated
29 by, the patient or client and who need not be relatives.

30 (5) "Home care agency" means a person administering or providing
31 home care services directly or through a contract arrangement to
32 individuals in places of temporary or permanent residence. A home care
33 agency that provides delegated tasks of nursing under RCW
34 18.79.260(3)(e) is not considered a home health agency for the purposes
35 of this chapter.

36 (6) "Home care services" means nonmedical services and assistance
37 provided to ill, disabled, or vulnerable individuals that enable them

1 to remain in their residences. Home care services include, but are not
2 limited to: Personal care such as assistance with dressing, feeding,
3 and personal hygiene to facilitate self-care; homemaker assistance with
4 household tasks, such as housekeeping, shopping, meal planning and
5 preparation, and transportation; respite care assistance and support
6 provided to the family; or other nonmedical services or delegated tasks
7 of nursing under RCW 18.79.260(3)(e).

8 (7) "Home health agency" means a person administering or providing
9 two or more home health services directly or through a contract
10 arrangement to individuals in places of temporary or permanent
11 residence. A person administering or providing nursing services only
12 may elect to be designated a home health agency for purposes of
13 licensure.

14 (8) "Home health services" means services provided to ill,
15 disabled, or vulnerable individuals. These services include but are
16 not limited to nursing services, home health aide services, physical
17 therapy services, occupational therapy services, speech therapy
18 services, respiratory therapy services, nutritional services, medical
19 social services, and home medical supplies or equipment services.

20 (9) "Home health aide services" means services provided by a home
21 health agency or a hospice agency under the supervision of a registered
22 nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist
23 who is employed by or under contract to a home health or hospice
24 agency. Such care includes ambulation and exercise, assistance with
25 self-administered medications, reporting changes in patients'
26 conditions and needs, completing appropriate records, and personal care
27 or homemaker services.

28 (10) "Home medical supplies" or "equipment services" means
29 diagnostic, treatment, and monitoring equipment and supplies provided
30 for the direct care of individuals within a plan of care.

31 (11) "Hospice agency" means a person administering or providing
32 hospice services directly or through a contract arrangement to
33 individuals in places of temporary or permanent residence under the
34 direction of an interdisciplinary team composed of at least a nurse,
35 social worker, physician, spiritual counselor, and a volunteer.

36 (12) "Hospice care center" means a homelike, noninstitutional
37 facility where hospice services are provided, and that meets the
38 requirements for operation under RCW 70.127.280.

1 (13) "Hospice services" means symptom and pain management provided
2 to a terminally ill individual, and emotional, spiritual, and
3 bereavement support for the individual and family in a place of
4 temporary or permanent residence, and may include the provision of home
5 health and home care services for the terminally ill individual.

6 (14) "In-home services agency" means a person licensed to
7 administer or provide home health, home care, hospice services, or
8 hospice care center services directly or through a contract arrangement
9 to individuals in a place of temporary or permanent residence.

10 (15) "Person" means any individual, business, firm, partnership,
11 corporation, company, association, joint stock association, public or
12 private agency or organization, or the legal successor thereof that
13 employs or contracts with two or more individuals.

14 (16) "Plan of care" means a written document based on assessment of
15 individual needs that identifies services to meet these needs.

16 (17) "Quality improvement" means reviewing and evaluating
17 appropriateness and effectiveness of services provided under this
18 chapter.

19 (18) "Service area" means the geographic area in which the
20 department has given prior approval to a licensee to provide home
21 health, hospice, or home care services.

22 (19) "Social worker" means a person with a degree from a social
23 work educational program accredited and approved as provided in section
24 2 of this act.

25 (20) "Survey" means an inspection conducted by the department to
26 evaluate and monitor an agency's compliance with this chapter.

27 **Sec. 14.** RCW 71.05.020 and 2009 c 320 s 1 and 2009 c 217 s 20 are
28 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

29 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
30 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

31 (1) "Admission" or "admit" means a decision by a physician or
32 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner that a person should
33 be examined or treated as a patient in a hospital;

34 (2) "Antipsychotic medications" means that class of drugs primarily
35 used to treat serious manifestations of mental illness associated with
36 thought disorders, which includes, but is not limited to atypical
37 antipsychotic medications;

1 (3) "Attending staff" means any person on the staff of a public or
2 private agency having responsibility for the care and treatment of a
3 patient;

4 (4) "Commitment" means the determination by a court that a person
5 should be detained for a period of either evaluation or treatment, or
6 both, in an inpatient or a less restrictive setting;

7 (5) "Conditional release" means a revocable modification of a
8 commitment, which may be revoked upon violation of any of its terms;

9 (6) "Crisis stabilization unit" means a short-term facility or a
10 portion of a facility licensed by the department of health and
11 certified by the department of social and health services under RCW
12 71.24.035, such as an evaluation and treatment facility or a hospital,
13 which has been designed to assess, diagnose, and treat individuals
14 experiencing an acute crisis without the use of long-term
15 hospitalization;

16 (7) "Custody" means involuntary detention under the provisions of
17 this chapter or chapter 10.77 RCW, uninterrupted by any period of
18 unconditional release from commitment from a facility providing
19 involuntary care and treatment;

20 (8) "Department" means the department of social and health
21 services;

22 (9) "Designated chemical dependency specialist" means a person
23 designated by the county alcoholism and other drug addiction program
24 coordinator designated under RCW 70.96A.310 to perform the commitment
25 duties described in chapters 70.96A and 70.96B RCW;

26 (10) "Designated crisis responder" means a mental health
27 professional appointed by the county or the regional support network to
28 perform the duties specified in this chapter;

29 (11) "Designated mental health professional" means a mental health
30 professional designated by the county or other authority authorized in
31 rule to perform the duties specified in this chapter;

32 (12) "Detention" or "detain" means the lawful confinement of a
33 person, under the provisions of this chapter;

34 (13) "Developmental disabilities professional" means a person who
35 has specialized training and three years of experience in directly
36 treating or working with persons with developmental disabilities and is
37 a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse

1 practitioner, or social worker, and such other developmental
2 disabilities professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the
3 secretary;

4 (14) "Developmental disability" means that condition defined in RCW
5 71A.10.020(3);

6 (15) "Discharge" means the termination of hospital medical
7 authority. The commitment may remain in place, be terminated, or be
8 amended by court order;

9 (16) "Evaluation and treatment facility" means any facility which
10 can provide directly, or by direct arrangement with other public or
11 private agencies, emergency evaluation and treatment, outpatient care,
12 and timely and appropriate inpatient care to persons suffering from a
13 mental disorder, and which is certified as such by the department. A
14 physically separate and separately operated portion of a state hospital
15 may be designated as an evaluation and treatment facility. A facility
16 which is part of, or operated by, the department or any federal agency
17 will not require certification. No correctional institution or
18 facility, or jail, shall be an evaluation and treatment facility within
19 the meaning of this chapter;

20 (17) "Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person, as a
21 result of a mental disorder: (a) Is in danger of serious physical harm
22 resulting from a failure to provide for his or her essential human
23 needs of health or safety; or (b) manifests severe deterioration in
24 routine functioning evidenced by repeated and escalating loss of
25 cognitive or volitional control over his or her actions and is not
26 receiving such care as is essential for his or her health or safety;

27 (18) "Habilitative services" means those services provided by
28 program personnel to assist persons in acquiring and maintaining life
29 skills and in raising their levels of physical, mental, social, and
30 vocational functioning. Habilitative services include education,
31 training for employment, and therapy. The habilitative process shall
32 be undertaken with recognition of the risk to the public safety
33 presented by the person being assisted as manifested by prior charged
34 criminal conduct;

35 (19) "History of one or more violent acts" refers to the period of
36 time ten years prior to the filing of a petition under this chapter,
37 excluding any time spent, but not any violent acts committed, in a

1 mental health facility or in confinement as a result of a criminal
2 conviction;

3 (20) "Imminent" means the state or condition of being likely to
4 occur at any moment or near at hand, rather than distant or remote;

5 (21) "Individualized service plan" means a plan prepared by a
6 developmental disabilities professional with other professionals as a
7 team, for a person with developmental disabilities, which shall state:

8 (a) The nature of the person's specific problems, prior charged
9 criminal behavior, and habilitation needs;

10 (b) The conditions and strategies necessary to achieve the purposes
11 of habilitation;

12 (c) The intermediate and long-range goals of the habilitation
13 program, with a projected timetable for the attainment;

14 (d) The rationale for using this plan of habilitation to achieve
15 those intermediate and long-range goals;

16 (e) The staff responsible for carrying out the plan;

17 (f) Where relevant in light of past criminal behavior and due
18 consideration for public safety, the criteria for proposed movement to
19 less-restrictive settings, criteria for proposed eventual discharge or
20 release, and a projected possible date for discharge or release; and

21 (g) The type of residence immediately anticipated for the person
22 and possible future types of residences;

23 (22) "Information related to mental health services" means all
24 information and records compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course
25 of providing services to either voluntary or involuntary recipients of
26 services by a mental health service provider. This may include
27 documents of legal proceedings under this chapter or chapter 71.34 or
28 10.77 RCW, or somatic health care information;

29 (23) "Judicial commitment" means a commitment by a court pursuant
30 to the provisions of this chapter;

31 (24) "Legal counsel" means attorneys and staff employed by county
32 prosecutor offices or the state attorney general acting in their
33 capacity as legal representatives of public mental health service
34 providers under RCW 71.05.130;

35 (25) "Likelihood of serious harm" means:

36 (a) A substantial risk that: (i) Physical harm will be inflicted
37 by a person upon his or her own person, as evidenced by threats or
38 attempts to commit suicide or inflict physical harm on oneself; (ii)

1 physical harm will be inflicted by a person upon another, as evidenced
2 by behavior which has caused such harm or which places another person
3 or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm; or (iii)
4 physical harm will be inflicted by a person upon the property of
5 others, as evidenced by behavior which has caused substantial loss or
6 damage to the property of others; or

7 (b) The person has threatened the physical safety of another and
8 has a history of one or more violent acts;

9 (26) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional
10 impairment which has substantial adverse effects on a person's
11 cognitive or volitional functions;

12 (27) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist,
13 psychologist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner,
14 psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other mental health
15 professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the secretary
16 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

17 (28) "Mental health service provider" means a public or private
18 agency that provides mental health services to persons with mental
19 disorders as defined under this section and receives funding from
20 public sources. This includes, but is not limited to, hospitals
21 licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW, evaluation and treatment facilities
22 as defined in this section, community mental health service delivery
23 systems or community mental health programs as defined in RCW
24 71.24.025, facilities conducting competency evaluations and restoration
25 under chapter 10.77 RCW, and correctional facilities operated by state
26 and local governments;

27 (29) "Peace officer" means a law enforcement official of a public
28 agency or governmental unit, and includes persons specifically given
29 peace officer powers by any state law, local ordinance, or judicial
30 order of appointment;

31 (30) "Private agency" means any person, partnership, corporation,
32 or association that is not a public agency, whether or not financed in
33 whole or in part by public funds, which constitutes an evaluation and
34 treatment facility or private institution, or hospital, which is
35 conducted for, or includes a department or ward conducted for, the care
36 and treatment of persons who are mentally ill;

37 (31) "Professional person" means a mental health professional and
38 shall also mean a physician, psychiatric advanced registered nurse

1 practitioner, registered nurse, and such others as may be defined by
2 rules adopted by the secretary pursuant to the provisions of this
3 chapter;

4 (32) "Psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner" means a
5 person who is licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner
6 pursuant to chapter 18.79 RCW; and who is board certified in advanced
7 practice psychiatric and mental health nursing;

8 (33) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician
9 and surgeon in this state who has in addition completed three years of
10 graduate training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American
11 medical association or the American osteopathic association and is
12 certified or eligible to be certified by the American board of
13 psychiatry and neurology;

14 (34) "Psychologist" means a person who has been licensed as a
15 psychologist pursuant to chapter 18.83 RCW;

16 (35) "Public agency" means any evaluation and treatment facility or
17 institution, or hospital which is conducted for, or includes a
18 department or ward conducted for, the care and treatment of persons
19 with mental illness, if the agency is operated directly by, federal,
20 state, county, or municipal government, or a combination of such
21 governments;

22 (36) "Registration records" include all the records of the
23 department, regional support networks, treatment facilities, and other
24 persons providing services to the department, county departments, or
25 facilities which identify persons who are receiving or who at any time
26 have received services for mental illness;

27 (37) "Release" means legal termination of the commitment under the
28 provisions of this chapter;

29 (38) "Resource management services" has the meaning given in
30 chapter 71.24 RCW;

31 (39) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social
32 and health services, or his or her designee;

33 (40) "Serious violent offense" has the same meaning as provided in
34 RCW 9.94A.030;

35 (41) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further
36 advanced degree from (~~an accredited school of social work or a degree~~
37 ~~deemed equivalent under rules adopted by the secretary~~) a social work

1 educational program accredited and approved as provided in section 2 of
2 this act;

3 (42) "Therapeutic court personnel" means the staff of a mental
4 health court or other therapeutic court which has jurisdiction over
5 defendants who are dually diagnosed with mental disorders, including
6 court personnel, probation officers, a court monitor, prosecuting
7 attorney, or defense counsel acting within the scope of therapeutic
8 court duties;

9 (43) "Treatment records" include registration and all other records
10 concerning persons who are receiving or who at any time have received
11 services for mental illness, which are maintained by the department, by
12 regional support networks and their staffs, and by treatment
13 facilities. Treatment records include mental health information
14 contained in a medical bill including but not limited to mental health
15 drugs, a mental health diagnosis, provider name, and dates of service
16 stemming from a medical service. Treatment records do not include
17 notes or records maintained for personal use by a person providing
18 treatment services for the department, regional support networks, or a
19 treatment facility if the notes or records are not available to others;

20 (44) "Violent act" means behavior that resulted in homicide,
21 attempted suicide, nonfatal injuries, or substantial damage to
22 property.

23 **Sec. 15.** RCW 71.32.020 and 2003 c 283 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
26 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

27 (1) "Adult" means any individual who has attained the age of
28 majority or is an emancipated minor.

29 (2) "Agent" has the same meaning as an attorney-in-fact or agent as
30 provided in chapter 11.94 RCW.

31 (3) "Capacity" means that an adult has not been found to be
32 incapacitated pursuant to this chapter or RCW 11.88.010(1)(e).

33 (4) "Court" means a superior court under chapter 2.08 RCW.

34 (5) "Health care facility" means a hospital, as defined in RCW
35 70.41.020; an institution, as defined in RCW 71.12.455; a state
36 hospital, as defined in RCW 72.23.010; a nursing home, as defined in

1 RCW 18.51.010; or a clinic that is part of a community mental health
2 service delivery system, as defined in RCW 71.24.025.

3 (6) "Health care provider" means an osteopathic physician or
4 osteopathic physician's assistant licensed under chapter 18.57 or
5 18.57A RCW, a physician or physician's assistant licensed under chapter
6 18.71 or 18.71A RCW, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner
7 licensed under RCW 18.79.050.

8 (7) "Incapacitated" means an adult who: (a) Is unable to
9 understand the nature, character, and anticipated results of proposed
10 treatment or alternatives; understand the recognized serious possible
11 risks, complications, and anticipated benefits in treatments and
12 alternatives, including nontreatment; or communicate his or her
13 understanding or treatment decisions; or (b) has been found to be
14 incompetent pursuant to RCW 11.88.010(1)(e).

15 (8) "Informed consent" means consent that is given after the
16 person: (a) Is provided with a description of the nature, character,
17 and anticipated results of proposed treatments and alternatives, and
18 the recognized serious possible risks, complications, and anticipated
19 benefits in the treatments and alternatives, including nontreatment, in
20 language that the person can reasonably be expected to understand; or
21 (b) elects not to be given the information included in (a) of this
22 subsection.

23 (9) "Long-term care facility" has the same meaning as defined in
24 RCW 43.190.020.

25 (10) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional
26 impairment which has substantial adverse effects on an individual's
27 cognitive or volitional functions.

28 (11) "Mental health advance directive" or "directive" means a
29 written document in which the principal makes a declaration of
30 instructions or preferences or appoints an agent to make decisions on
31 behalf of the principal regarding the principal's mental health
32 treatment, or both, and that is consistent with the provisions of this
33 chapter.

34 (12) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist,
35 psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other
36 mental health professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the
37 secretary pursuant to the provisions of chapter 71.05 RCW.

1 (13) "Principal" means an adult who has executed a mental health
2 advance directive.

3 (14) "Professional person" means a mental health professional and
4 shall also mean a physician, registered nurse, and such others as may
5 be defined by rules adopted by the secretary pursuant to the provisions
6 of chapter 71.05 RCW.

7 (15) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further
8 advanced degree from a social work educational program accredited and
9 approved as provided in section 2 of this act.

10 **Sec. 16.** RCW 71.34.020 and 2010 c 94 s 20 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
13 this section apply throughout this chapter.

14 (1) "Child psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a
15 physician and surgeon in this state, who has had graduate training in
16 child psychiatry in a program approved by the American Medical
17 Association or the American Osteopathic Association, and who is board
18 eligible or board certified in child psychiatry.

19 (2) "Children's mental health specialist" means:

20 (a) A mental health professional who has completed a minimum of one
21 hundred actual hours, not quarter or semester hours, of specialized
22 training devoted to the study of child development and the treatment of
23 children; and

24 (b) A mental health professional who has the equivalent of one year
25 of full-time experience in the treatment of children under the
26 supervision of a children's mental health specialist.

27 (3) "Commitment" means a determination by a judge or court
28 commissioner, made after a commitment hearing, that the minor is in
29 need of inpatient diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment or that the minor
30 is in need of less restrictive alternative treatment.

31 (4) "Department" means the department of social and health
32 services.

33 (5) "Designated mental health professional" means a mental health
34 professional designated by one or more counties to perform the
35 functions of a designated mental health professional described in this
36 chapter.

1 (6) "Evaluation and treatment facility" means a public or private
2 facility or unit that is certified by the department to provide
3 emergency, inpatient, residential, or outpatient mental health
4 evaluation and treatment services for minors. A physically separate
5 and separately-operated portion of a state hospital may be designated
6 as an evaluation and treatment facility for minors. A facility which
7 is part of or operated by the department or federal agency does not
8 require certification. No correctional institution or facility,
9 juvenile court detention facility, or jail may be an evaluation and
10 treatment facility within the meaning of this chapter.

11 (7) "Evaluation and treatment program" means the total system of
12 services and facilities coordinated and approved by a county or
13 combination of counties for the evaluation and treatment of minors
14 under this chapter.

15 (8) "Gravely disabled minor" means a minor who, as a result of a
16 mental disorder, is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from
17 a failure to provide for his or her essential human needs of health or
18 safety, or manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning
19 evidenced by repeated and escalating loss of cognitive or volitional
20 control over his or her actions and is not receiving such care as is
21 essential for his or her health or safety.

22 (9) "Inpatient treatment" means twenty-four-hour-per-day mental
23 health care provided within a general hospital, psychiatric hospital,
24 or residential treatment facility certified by the department as an
25 evaluation and treatment facility for minors.

26 (10) "Less restrictive alternative" or "less restrictive setting"
27 means outpatient treatment provided to a minor who is not residing in
28 a facility providing inpatient treatment as defined in this chapter.

29 (11) "Likelihood of serious harm" means either: (a) A substantial
30 risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon his or
31 her own person, as evidenced by threats or attempts to commit suicide
32 or inflict physical harm on oneself; (b) a substantial risk that
33 physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon another, as
34 evidenced by behavior which has caused such harm or which places
35 another person or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm;
36 or (c) a substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an
37 individual upon the property of others, as evidenced by behavior which
38 has caused substantial loss or damage to the property of others.

1 (12) "Medical necessity" for inpatient care means a requested
2 service which is reasonably calculated to: (a) Diagnose, correct,
3 cure, or alleviate a mental disorder; or (b) prevent the worsening of
4 mental conditions that endanger life or cause suffering and pain, or
5 result in illness or infirmity or threaten to cause or aggravate a
6 handicap, or cause physical deformity or malfunction, and there is no
7 adequate less restrictive alternative available.

8 (13) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional
9 impairment that has substantial adverse effects on an individual's
10 cognitive or volitional functions. The presence of alcohol abuse, drug
11 abuse, juvenile criminal history, antisocial behavior, or intellectual
12 disabilities alone is insufficient to justify a finding of "mental
13 disorder" within the meaning of this section.

14 (14) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist,
15 psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other
16 mental health professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the
17 secretary under this chapter.

18 (15) "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.

19 (16) "Outpatient treatment" means any of the nonresidential
20 services mandated under chapter 71.24 RCW and provided by licensed
21 services providers as identified by RCW 71.24.025.

22 (17) "Parent" means:

23 (a) A biological or adoptive parent who has legal custody of the
24 child, including either parent if custody is shared under a joint
25 custody agreement; or

26 (b) A person or agency judicially appointed as legal guardian or
27 custodian of the child.

28 (18) "Professional person in charge" or "professional person" means
29 a physician or other mental health professional empowered by an
30 evaluation and treatment facility with authority to make admission and
31 discharge decisions on behalf of that facility.

32 (19) "Psychiatric nurse" means a registered nurse who has a
33 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and who has
34 had, in addition, at least two years' experience in the direct
35 treatment of persons who have a mental illness or who are emotionally
36 disturbed, such experience gained under the supervision of a mental
37 health professional. "Psychiatric nurse" shall also mean any other
38 registered nurse who has three years of such experience.

1 (20) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician
2 in this state who has completed residency training in psychiatry in a
3 program approved by the American Medical Association or the American
4 Osteopathic Association, and is board eligible or board certified in
5 psychiatry.

6 (21) "Psychologist" means a person licensed as a psychologist under
7 chapter 18.83 RCW.

8 (22) "Responsible other" means the minor, the minor's parent or
9 estate, or any other person legally responsible for support of the
10 minor.

11 (23) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or
12 secretary's designee.

13 (24) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further
14 advanced degree from a social work educational program accredited and
15 approved as provided in section 2 of this act.

16 (25) "Start of initial detention" means the time of arrival of the
17 minor at the first evaluation and treatment facility offering inpatient
18 treatment if the minor is being involuntarily detained at the time.
19 With regard to voluntary patients, "start of initial detention" means
20 the time at which the minor gives notice of intent to leave under the
21 provisions of this chapter.

22 **Sec. 17.** RCW 74.13.029 and 2009 c 491 s 8 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 Once a dependency is established under chapter 13.34 RCW, the
25 (~~social worker~~) department employee assigned to the case shall
26 provide the dependent child age twelve years and older with a document
27 containing the information described in RCW 74.13.031(16). The
28 (~~social worker~~) department employee shall explain the contents of the
29 document to the child and direct the child to the department's web site
30 for further information. The (~~social worker~~) department employee
31 shall document, in the electronic data system, that this requirement
32 was met.

33 **Sec. 18.** RCW 74.34.020 and 2010 c 133 s 2 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
36 this section apply throughout this chapter.

1 (1) "Abandonment" means action or inaction by a person or entity
2 with a duty of care for a vulnerable adult that leaves the vulnerable
3 person without the means or ability to obtain necessary food, clothing,
4 shelter, or health care.

5 (2) "Abuse" means the willful action or inaction that inflicts
6 injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment on a
7 vulnerable adult. In instances of abuse of a vulnerable adult who is
8 unable to express or demonstrate physical harm, pain, or mental
9 anguish, the abuse is presumed to cause physical harm, pain, or mental
10 anguish. Abuse includes sexual abuse, mental abuse, physical abuse,
11 and exploitation of a vulnerable adult, which have the following
12 meanings:

13 (a) "Sexual abuse" means any form of nonconsensual sexual contact,
14 including but not limited to unwanted or inappropriate touching, rape,
15 sodomy, sexual coercion, sexually explicit photographing, and sexual
16 harassment. Sexual abuse includes any sexual contact between a staff
17 person, who is not also a resident or client, of a facility or a staff
18 person of a program authorized under chapter 71A.12 RCW, and a
19 vulnerable adult living in that facility or receiving service from a
20 program authorized under chapter 71A.12 RCW, whether or not it is
21 consensual.

22 (b) "Physical abuse" means the willful action of inflicting bodily
23 injury or physical mistreatment. Physical abuse includes, but is not
24 limited to, striking with or without an object, slapping, pinching,
25 choking, kicking, shoving, prodding, or the use of chemical restraints
26 or physical restraints unless the restraints are consistent with
27 licensing requirements, and includes restraints that are otherwise
28 being used inappropriately.

29 (c) "Mental abuse" means any willful action or inaction of mental
30 or verbal abuse. Mental abuse includes, but is not limited to,
31 coercion, harassment, inappropriately isolating a vulnerable adult from
32 family, friends, or regular activity, and verbal assault that includes
33 ridiculing, intimidating, yelling, or swearing.

34 (d) "Exploitation" means an act of forcing, compelling, or exerting
35 undue influence over a vulnerable adult causing the vulnerable adult to
36 act in a way that is inconsistent with relevant past behavior, or
37 causing the vulnerable adult to perform services for the benefit of
38 another.

1 (3) "Consent" means express written consent granted after the
2 vulnerable adult or his or her legal representative has been fully
3 informed of the nature of the services to be offered and that the
4 receipt of services is voluntary.

5 (4) "Department" means the department of social and health
6 services.

7 (5) "Facility" means a residence licensed or required to be
8 licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW, boarding homes; chapter 18.51 RCW,
9 nursing homes; chapter 70.128 RCW, adult family homes; chapter 72.36
10 RCW, soldiers' homes; or chapter 71A.20 RCW, residential habilitation
11 centers; or any other facility licensed by the department.

12 (6) "Financial exploitation" means the illegal or improper use of
13 the property, income, resources, or trust funds of the vulnerable adult
14 by any person for any person's profit or advantage other than for the
15 vulnerable adult's profit or advantage.

16 (7) "Financial institution" has the same meaning as in RCW
17 30.22.040 and 30.22.041. For purposes of this chapter only, "financial
18 institution" also means a "broker-dealer" or "investment adviser" as
19 defined in RCW 21.20.005.

20 (8) "Incapacitated person" means a person who is at a significant
21 risk of personal or financial harm under RCW 11.88.010(1) (a), (b),
22 (c), or (d).

23 (9) "Individual provider" means a person under contract with the
24 department to provide services in the home under chapter 74.09 or
25 74.39A RCW.

26 (10) "Interested person" means a person who demonstrates to the
27 court's satisfaction that the person is interested in the welfare of
28 the vulnerable adult, that the person has a good faith belief that the
29 court's intervention is necessary, and that the vulnerable adult is
30 unable, due to incapacity, undue influence, or duress at the time the
31 petition is filed, to protect his or her own interests.

32 (11) "Mandated reporter" is an employee of the department; law
33 enforcement officer; social worker; professional school personnel;
34 individual provider; an employee of a facility; an operator of a
35 facility; an employee of a social service, welfare, mental health,
36 adult day health, adult day care, home health, home care, or hospice
37 agency; county coroner or medical examiner; Christian Science
38 practitioner; or health care provider subject to chapter 18.130 RCW.

1 (12) "Neglect" means (a) a pattern of conduct or inaction by a
2 person or entity with a duty of care that fails to provide the goods
3 and services that maintain physical or mental health of a vulnerable
4 adult, or that fails to avoid or prevent physical or mental harm or
5 pain to a vulnerable adult; or (b) an act or omission that demonstrates
6 a serious disregard of consequences of such a magnitude as to
7 constitute a clear and present danger to the vulnerable adult's health,
8 welfare, or safety, including but not limited to conduct prohibited
9 under RCW 9A.42.100.

10 (13) "Permissive reporter" means any person, including, but not
11 limited to, an employee of a financial institution, attorney, or
12 volunteer in a facility or program providing services for vulnerable
13 adults.

14 (14) "Protective services" means any services provided by the
15 department to a vulnerable adult with the consent of the vulnerable
16 adult, or the legal representative of the vulnerable adult, who has
17 been abandoned, abused, financially exploited, neglected, or in a state
18 of self-neglect. These services may include, but are not limited to
19 case management, social casework, home care, placement, arranging for
20 medical evaluations, psychological evaluations, day care, or referral
21 for legal assistance.

22 (15) "Self-neglect" means the failure of a vulnerable adult, not
23 living in a facility, to provide for himself or herself the goods and
24 services necessary for the vulnerable adult's physical or mental
25 health, and the absence of which impairs or threatens the vulnerable
26 adult's well-being. This definition may include a vulnerable adult who
27 is receiving services through home health, hospice, or a home care
28 agency, or an individual provider when the neglect is not a result of
29 inaction by that agency or individual provider.

30 (16) "Social worker" means:

31 (a) A social worker as defined in section 2(2) of this act; or

32 (b) Anyone engaged in a professional capacity during the regular
33 course of employment in encouraging or promoting the health, welfare,
34 support, or education of vulnerable adults, or providing social
35 services to vulnerable adults, whether in an individual capacity or as
36 an employee or agent of any public or private organization or
37 institution.

38 (17) "Vulnerable adult" includes a person:

- 1 (a) Sixty years of age or older who has the functional, mental, or
2 physical inability to care for himself or herself; or
3 (b) Found incapacitated under chapter 11.88 RCW; or
4 (c) Who has a developmental disability as defined under RCW
5 71A.10.020; or
6 (d) Admitted to any facility; or
7 (e) Receiving services from home health, hospice, or home care
8 agencies licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW;
9 or
10 (f) Receiving services from an individual provider.

11 **Sec. 19.** RCW 74.42.010 and 2010 c 94 s 27 are each reenacted and
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
14 this section apply throughout this chapter.

15 (1) "Department" means the department of social and health services
16 and the department's employees.

17 (2) "Facility" refers to a nursing home as defined in RCW
18 18.51.010.

19 (3) "Licensed practical nurse" means a person licensed to practice
20 practical nursing under chapter 18.79 RCW.

21 (4) "Medicaid" means Title XIX of the Social Security Act enacted
22 by the social security amendments of 1965 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396; 79
23 Stat. 343), as amended.

24 (5) "Nurse practitioner" means a person licensed to practice
25 advanced registered nursing under chapter 18.79 RCW.

26 (6) "Nursing care" means that care provided by a registered nurse,
27 an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse,
28 or a nursing assistant in the regular performance of their duties.

29 (7) "Physician assistant" means a person practicing pursuant to
30 chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW.

31 (8) "Qualified therapist" means:

32 (a) An activities specialist who has specialized education,
33 training, or experience specified by the department.

34 (b) An audiologist who is eligible for a certificate of clinical
35 competence in audiology or who has the equivalent education and
36 clinical experience.

37 (c) A mental health professional as defined in chapter 71.05 RCW.

1 (d) An intellectual disabilities professional who is a qualified
2 therapist or a therapist approved by the department and has specialized
3 training or one year experience in treating or working with persons
4 with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

5 (e) An occupational therapist who is a graduate of a program in
6 occupational therapy or who has equivalent education or training.

7 (f) A physical therapist as defined in chapter 18.74 RCW.

8 (g) A social worker (~~(who is a graduate of a school of social~~
9 ~~work)~~) as defined in section 2(2) of this act.

10 (h) A speech pathologist who is eligible for a certificate of
11 clinical competence in speech pathology or who has equivalent education
12 and clinical experience.

13 (9) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed to practice
14 registered nursing under chapter 18.79 RCW.

15 (10) "Resident" means an individual residing in a nursing home, as
16 defined in RCW 18.51.010.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
18 a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** This act takes effect January 1, 2012.

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