

RCW 41.26.030. Definitions Section

(6)(a) "Child" or "children" means an unmarried person who is under the age of eighteen or mentally or physically disabled as determined by the department, except a person who is disabled and in the full time care of a state institution, who is:

- (i) A natural born child;
- (ii) A stepchild where that relationship was in existence prior to the date benefits are payable under this chapter;
- (iii) A posthumous child;
- (iv) A child legally adopted or made a legal ward of a member **prior to the date benefits are payable under this chapter; or**
- (v) An illegitimate child legitimized prior to the date any benefits are payable under this chapter.

Title 11 - Probate and Trust Law

Chapter – RCW Dispositions

RCW 11.02.005 – Definition & use of terms

(8) "Issue" means all the lineal descendants of an individual. **An adopted individual is a lineal descendant of each of his or her adoptive parents and of all individuals with regard to which each adoptive parent is a lineal descendant.** A child conceived prior to the death of a parent but born after the death of the deceased parent is considered to be the surviving issue of the deceased parent for purposes of this title.

Title 26 - Domestic Relations

Chapter 33 - Adoption

RCW 26.33.260 - Decree of adoption—Effect—Accelerated appeal—Limited grounds to challenge—Intent.

(1)The adoptee shall be free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance in respect to the parent. The adoptee shall be, to all intents and purposes, and for all legal incidents, the child, legal heir, and lawful issue of the adoptive parent, entitled to all rights and privileges, including the right of inheritance and the right to take under testamentary disposition, and subject to all the obligations of a natural child of the adoptive parent.

(2) Any appeal of an adoption decree shall be decided on an accelerated review basis.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in RCW [26.33.160](#) (3) and (4)(h), no person may challenge an adoption decree on the grounds of:

(a) A person claiming or alleging paternity subsequently appears and alleges lack of prior notice of the proceeding; or

(b) The adoption proceedings were in any other manner defective.

(4) It is the intent of the legislature that this section provide finality for adoptive placements and stable homes for children.

Title 49 – Labor Relations

Chapter 78 – Family Leave

RCW 49.78.020 - Definitions

(1) "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis, who is: (a) Under eighteen years of age; or (b) eighteen years of age or older and incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability.