

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Ohio Department of Health has proposed to rescind existing rules 3701-8-01 to 3701-8-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). These rules pertain to the coordination of services for children under the Ohio Early Start Program. They are being proposed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 119.032, five-year rule review. The Ohio Early Start Program has been replaced by the Ohio Help Me Grow Program.

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the Director, or his designee, will conduct a public hearing on the proposed action on Friday, January 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be conducted in the Basement Conference Room of the Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

At the hearing, persons affected by the proposed action may appear and be heard in person, by their attorney or both; may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence tending to show that the proposed rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful. Persons intending to testify are encouraged to preregister by writing Jacqueline Vermillion, Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health, P.O. Box 118, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0118, or by telephoning (614) 466-4882.

Copies of the proposed rules are available from Ms. Vermillion at the above address or on the Department of Health's web site at [www.odh.state.oh.us](http://www.odh.state.oh.us) after December 1, 2003. Written comments also may be submitted to Ms. Vermillion at the above address or FAX to (614) 728-7813 on or before January 9, 2004.

December 1, 2003