

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Monday, June 4, 2012
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: 8th Floor Large Conference Room
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
246 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code (R.C.) and by authority of R.C. 3701.61, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (Director) or his designee will conduct a public hearing on June 4, 2012 at the place and time listed above concerning the proposal to rescind the following Help Me Grow rules: 3701-8-01 to 3701-8-10 and Appendices A to D of rule 3701-8-05; and to adopt new rules 3701-8-01, 3701-8-02, 3701-8-02.1, 3701-8-03, 3701-8-04, 3701-8-06, 3701-4-06.1, Appendix 06.1-A, 3701-8-06.2, 3701-8-07, Appendices 07-A and 07-B, 3701-8-07.1, 3701-8-08, 3701-8-08.1, 3701-8-09, 3701-8-10, 3701-8-10.1, and 3701-8-10.2.

The proposed new rules outline definitions, procedures, eligibility criteria, and expectations of providers of services within the Help Me Grow (HMG) Home Visiting and Help Me Grow Early Intervention programs. The HMG program provides services and support to parents and children at risk for poor childhood outcomes. The rules related to the Home Visiting program establish eligibility criteria for home visiting services, state the goals of the program, and the qualifications of and requirements for providers of Home Visiting. The rules related to Early Intervention program establish eligibility criteria for infants and toddlers with disabilities, state the goals of the program, and establish requirements for providers of early intervention services that are consistent with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

At the hearing, people affected by the proposed actions may appear and be heard in person, by an 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 rule, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To aid in getting visitors through building security, both persons intending to testify at the hearing and those simply intending to observe are encouraged to pre-register by writing the Office of the General Counsel [Rules], Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by telephoning (614) 466-4882, or by sending an e-mail to odhrules@odh.ohio.gov.

Copies of the proposed rule are available on the Register of Ohio website. A link to this site may be found at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/pending.aspx> or from the Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health. Please FAX [(614) 564-2509], mail, or e-mail any written comments by 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 2012.

May 1, 2012