

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**DATE: March 30, 2010**

**TIME: 10:00am**

**LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad Street, Cols, OH**

Pursuant to sections 5101.11, 5101.141, 5153.16, 5153.163 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC rule 5101:2-44-06 entitled "Eligibility of adoptive family and adoptive child for the state adoption maintenance subsidy program" outlines the eligibility requirements for the state adoption maintenance subsidy (SAMS) program. This rule is being amended to add language on the procedures that if a Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) negotiates a SAMS payment in excess of two hundred and forty dollars the PCSA shall enter into a separate county agreement with the adoptive parent for any amount above the two hundred and forty dollars.

OAC rule 5101:2-49-21 "Reimbursement of nonrecurring adoption expenses for a child with special needs" outlines the procedures for reimbursement of adoption related expenses. This rule has been revised to remove language that referenced the homestudy for international adoptions. Children adopted internationally are not eligible for reimbursement of nonrecurring expenses as outlined in the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov).