

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
DATE: Tuesday, December 28, 2010
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Tower, Room 3110 B,
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections, 2151.421, 2151.3518, 2151.3516, 5153.16 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-36-08, "PCSA requirements for involving a third party in the assessment/investigation of a child abuse or neglect report" outlines the public children services agencies' (PCSA) requirements of the assessment/investigation of accepted child abuse and neglect reports when conflicts of interest exist. This rule is being amended to include language permitting public children services agencies (PCSA) to use an in-house assessment/investigation unit when the report does not involve a PCSA employee or allege a criminal offense. The in-house unit must work independently of all other units within the PCSA. The PCSA must have written internal policies and procedures for the review and approval of the in-house unit's assessments/investigations.

A copy of the proposed rule 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 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, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.