

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
DATE: 4/20/11
TIME: 10AM
LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Tower Room 3110B
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 2151.42.1, 2151.3518 and 5153.166 of the Ohio Revised Code and Sec. 309.45.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment and adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-36-01, "Intake and screening procedures for child abuse, neglect, dependency and family in need of services reports; and information and/or referral intakes" outlines the public children services agencies (PCSAs) response to gathering information from a referent. This rule includes the PCSA responsibilities in recording referral information, categorizing referral information, and completing a screening decision with referral information in the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS).

This rule is being amended to include language permitting PCSAs that have the approval of the Ohio department of job and family services to screen child abuse and neglect reports into either the traditional response pathway or the alternative response pathway. The revisions include the addition of a family in need of services report category of alternative response required non-lead PCSA contacts. The rule specifies the types of child abuse and neglect reports that require a traditional response approach by the PCSA. Lastly, the rule was revised to include language within the child abuse and neglect intake category regarding an infant diagnosed with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder as required with the 2010 reauthorization of CAPTA.

OAC 5101:2-36-20, "Public children services agencies assessment requirements for child abuse and neglect reports in alternative response" sets forth the PCSA requirements for responding to accepted child abuse and neglect reports assigned to the alternative response pathway. This rule is being proposed to implement provisions of Section 309.45.10 of Am. Sub. H.B.1 related to the administration of the Alternative Response program.

OAC 5101:2-38-20, "Public children services agencies requirements for child abuse and neglect reports receiving on-going services in alternative response" sets forth the PCSA requirements for cases receiving on-going services within the alternative response pathway. This rule is being proposed to implement provisions of Section 309.45.10 of Am. Sub. H.B.1 related to the administration of the Alternative Response program.

A copy of the proposed rule(s) is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule(s) at the address listed below. The rule(s) is also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule(s) 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 rule(s) or comments on the rule(s) 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.