

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
DATE: August 3, 2011
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Tower Room 3110-B
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 2151.412, 2151.421, 3107.034, 5103.03, 5153.16 and 5153.17 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 adoption, amendment and rescission of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rules are being reviewed as a result of the five year rule review requirement.

OAC 5101:2-33-21 entitled "**Confidentiality and dissemination of information relating to child abuse or neglect**" is being proposed for rescission as a result of the Five Year review. It is being replaced with a new rule of the same number and similar name. This rule outlines confidential information relating to child abuse and neglect, when dissemination of such information is required, and the PCSA requirements when releasing confidential information.

OAC 5101:2-33-23 entitled "**Case records for children services**" is being proposed for amendment and outlines the requirements for PCSAs regarding preparation, maintenance, and retention of child welfare records on cases that come to the attention of the PCSA. Additionally, documentation requirements are addressed. The only change to the rule was the addition of clarifying language that, to the extent possible, case information shall be recorded in the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS).

OAC 5101:2-33-24, "**Access to child abuse and neglect reports for background checks.**" This is a new rule that outlines the PCSA requirements for utilizing child abuse and neglect report dispositions for the purposes of a background check for child care certification, foster care licensure and an adoption homestudy.

OAC 5101:2-33-28, "**Joint planning and sharing of information among the PCSA and CDJFS,**" sets fourth the requirements that apply to county departments of job and family services and public children services agencies in joint planning and sharing of information to coordinate services to children and families. Minor grammatical changes were made to the rule.

OAC 5101:2-35-16, "**Submittal of central registry reports on child abuse or neglect,**" outlines the PCSA requirement to submit child abuse and neglect information and a report disposition to the central registry. This rule is being rescinded as part of a five year rule review process as child abuse and neglect information is contained within the SACWIS and entry of such information is addressed within the Chapter 5101:2-36 rules of the Administrative Code.

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OAC 5101:2-35-19, "Expunction of identifying information from the central registry," outlines the criteria for expunging alleged perpetrator case dispositions or case resolutions of child abuse and neglect reports from the central registry. The rule was rescinded as the data is now entered in SACWIS.

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.