

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: January 30, 2013
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 2925, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 2151.86, 3107.033, 5103.02, 5103.03, 5103.0316 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 and rescission of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rules are proposed for amendment as a result of the five year review process.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-04.1, entitled "Acceptance of accreditation in lieu of certification requirements" provides guidance to agencies on what needs to be submitted to have a certification accepted by ODJFS. Paragraph (C) was removed as it was a directive for ODJFS and not an agency.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-14, entitled "Treatment or diagnostic services" provides guidance to agencies in regard to medical care and treatment. Paragraph (A) was restructured for clarity. No substantive changes were made.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-15, entitled "Volunteers and college interns" provides guidance to agencies in regard to requirements for using college interns and volunteers. Paragraph (E) was moved to the location of paragraph (D) to allow the rule to flow better. No substantive changes were made.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-34, entitled "PCPA and PNA case plans and administrative case reviews for direct placements" provides guidance to agencies in regard to the requirements for direct placements in private agencies. Paragraph (A) was amended to show the agency does not have to complete a case plan if the child is placed for less than thirty days. Other non-substantive changes were made for clarity.

OAC rule 5101:2-7-08, entitled "Alternative care arrangements" provides guidance to agencies and foster caregivers for approving alternative care arrangements for children in care. Paragraph (E) was amended for clarity and paragraph (F) was updated with the correct reference number for a rule. No substantive changes were made.

OAC rule 5101:2-7-11, entitled "Socialization and education" provides guidance to foster caregivers on the educational and recreational activities to be provided for a child in foster care. Paragraph (B) was amended to require a copy of an approval for home schooling to be placed in the file of the child. Paragraph (C) was amended for clarity. Paragraph (D) was created from existing language in paragraph (C) and was broken out for clarity. No substantive changes were made in paragraphs (C) or (D).

OAC rule 5101:2-7-15, entitled "Transportation" provides guidance to foster caregivers for transportation requirements when transporting foster children. Paragraph (D) was amended to make reference to the required Revised Code section for child safety seats and seat belt requirements. Paragraph (I) was added to require foster caregivers to ensure the recall and safety information issued by the consumer product safety commission (CPSC) related to child safety seats or booster seats are reviewed.

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 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 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.