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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: March 19, 2014 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower

30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Pursuant to sections 2151.412, 2151.421, 5103.03, 5153.16 and Chapter 119. of the 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 rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-40-04, "Kinship Permanency Incentive Program" has been amended to clarify excluded income for the purpose of determining eligibility. Language was added to clarify that the eligible kinship caregiver may receive a maximum of six incentive payments over a period of up to 36 cumulative months. Language was added to clarify the Public Children Services Agency's (PCSA) activities when conducting eligibility redeterminations. Language was added to limit the amount of time that county public children services agencies have to submit KPI incentive payments to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for reimbursement.

OAC 5101:2-42-18, "PCSA and PCPA approval of placements with relative and nonrelative substitute caregivers" has been amended to include the list of disqualifying offenses that would exclude an individual from being an approved caregiver for a child's placement. An appendix has been added to this rule to define the disqualifying offenses. Language was added to include a provision for interstate requests for home assessments on relative and nonrelative caregivers. Some minor edits were made for clarification.

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 and Acquisition 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

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