

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**DATE:** July 1, 2014  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** Rhodes State Office Tower, Room 3110B

Pursuant to sections 5101.35, 5153.16, 5153.163 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are being amended as a result of the Five Year Rule Review and recent policy updates, and the result of Partners for Ohio's Families (PFOF).

OAC 5101:2-44-06, entitled "**Eligibility for the state adoption maintenance subsidy program**" outlines the eligibility requirements for the state adoption maintenance subsidy program. The title of this rule has been changed to "Eligibility for the state adoption maintenance subsidy program." The definition of "qualified professional" has been moved to a more appropriate location and "medical doctor" has been changed to "physician." The paragraphs of this rule have been put in a more logical order, the term "special needs child" has been changed to "child with special needs" throughout the rule, and the reference to "mental retardation" was removed. The one year timeframe that required a child to be in the home of his or her prospective adoptive parents as a foster child has been changed to six months to be consistent with the other foster to adopt rules.

OAC 5101:2-44-14 entitled "**State adoption maintenance assistance loan fund**" outlines the eligibility process and procedures for applying for a state adoption assistance loan for adoption-related expenses. There were no amendments made to this rule.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below. The rule is also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule 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 rules or comments on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov).