

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: April 14, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 3107.032, 3107.033, 5153.16 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 of the rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rule is proposed for amendment as a result of the five year review process.

OAC rule 5101:2-48-08, entitled "Adoption inquiry" provides guidance to agencies on the response required when community members call to express interest in adopting. Paragraph (B) was removed for clarity, and the same requirement was expressed through each subsequent paragraph in the rule. The new paragraph (B) (1) was revised to allow agencies to give inquirers the link for the JFS 01675 "Ohio Adoption Guide: Handbook for Prospective Adoptive Families" (rev. 5/2014) rather than sending the hard copy, allowing the agency to save resources. Paragraph (B)(2), (B)(5), (B)(6), and (B)(7) were removed because they are each described in detail in the JFS 01675, which is required to be given to the inquirer. Paragraph (D) was revised for clarity. Paragraph (F) was added to ensure agencies that have access to the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS) know that requirements of this rule must be captured in the SACWIS system. All changes are a result of the Partners For Ohio's Families rule review process that included public and private agencies, as well as foster and adoptive parents.

A copy of the proposed rule 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 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.