

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: April 14, 2015
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Towers, 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 rule 5101:2-33-03 entitled "Procedure for complaints of alleged discriminatory acts, policies or practices in the foster care or adoption process that involve race, color or national origin" has been amended to add the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Bureau of Civil Rights (ODJFS-BCR) to the rule. The revision date on the JFS 02333 "Discrimination Complaint Form" (rev. 1/2015) was updated, and the reference to rule 5101:2-33-04 was removed, due to the rescission of the rule.

OAC rule 5101:2-33-11 entitled "Multiethnic Placement Act (MEPA) agency administrative requirements" has been amended to update the JFS 01420 "Multiethnic Placement Act Corrective Action and Resolution Plan Data Collection Requirements" (rev. 11/2014) and require PCSAs and PCPAs operating an adoption program to submit the JFS 01420 "Multiethnic Placement Act Corrective Action and Resolution Plan Data Collection Requirements" (rev. 11/2014) by March first of every even numbered year. The revision dates of the JFS 1688 "Individualized Child Assessment" (rev. 4/2014) and the JFS 1668 "MEPA Biennial Comprehensive Self-Assessment Report" (rev. 1/2014) were updated.

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, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.