

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: September 3, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Tower, Room 3110B

Pursuant to sections 5153.166, 5153.163 and Chapter 119.of the 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 rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon. This letter transmits amendments to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5101:2-44-13.1. The following is a brief explanation of the proposed changes:

OAC rule 5101:2-44-13.1 entitled, "**Eligibility and Application for the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) program.**" The rule has been proposed for amendment to add the words "**mentally handicapped,**" is the condition of mental retardation and/or mental illness; and the words "**physically handicapped,**" is the impairment of vision, speech, or hearing; congenital orthopedic impairment, orthopedic impairment caused by disease, or orthopedic impairment from other causes (e.g., amputation); impairment caused by chronic or acute health problems (e.g., rheumatic fever); or a concomitant of the aforementioned.

Listed under paragraph (N), clarification was given to "vehicle modification" and to "computer software." "**PASSS funding may be used for specific types of "vehicle modifications," e.g. lift added to a van, car or transportation services and to "software" suggested by a qualified professional that will help or improve the mental and physical condition of the special needs child.**"

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.