

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

**DATE:** April 13, 2017  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower  
30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Pursuant to sections 5103.03 and 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 rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

**OAC 5101:2-42-18 PCSA and PCPA approval of placements with relative and nonrelative substitute caregivers** sets forth requirements for the assessment of relative and non-relative (kinship) caregivers for the placement of children who are unable to remain in their own homes. This rule has been amended to provide clear timelines for the initiation and completion of the assessment, as well as notification of approval or denial to the caregiver. Additionally, language regarding disqualifying offenses and rehabilitation standards has been amended in an effort to allow public children services agencies (PCSAs) and private child placing agencies (PCPAs) more flexibility when assessing kinship caregivers who might otherwise not meet more stringent requirements applied to licensed foster and adoptive caregivers. The amended rule has been edited to require PCSAs and PCPAs to use the JFS 01447 "Assessment of relative or nonrelative substitute caregiver."

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, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov)

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