

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: July 26, 2017
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5103.03, 5103.0316, 5103.13 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 rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are proposed for amendment as a result of the five year review process.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-28, entitled "Agency Cause for Denial of Initial Certification, Denial of Recertification or Revocation of a Foster Home Certificate," provides guidance to agencies on valid reasons for denial or revocation of a foster home certificate. Paragraphs (A)(1), (C) and (E) were amended for clarity to reference the proper paragraphs. No other changes were made.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-32, entitled "Occupancy limitations and accessibility," provides guidance on the limits for the number of foster children placed in a home based on certain criteria. Paragraph (B) was amended to clarify the exceptions for the capacity limits.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-38, entitled "Payment of foster caregiver training stipends; reimbursement of training allowances to recommending agencies," provides guidance to agencies on the requirements for the processing of foster caregiver training stipends and training allowance payments. Paragraph (B)(c)(i) was amended to require the agency that recommends a foster caregiver for certification to be responsible for entering the pre-placement training into the state system and providing the stipend payment to the caregiver upon certification. Paragraph (D)(1) was amended to allow a private agency to enter pre-placement training into the state system in order to receive a training allowance prior to certification of the caregiver.

OAC rule 5101:2-9-36, entitled "Additional requirements for children's crisis care facilities," provides guidance to agencies on what an agency must do if the agency is certified as a crisis care facility. Paragraph (H) was added to assist facilities by implementing a new engagement plan in place of the service plan and case plan. Paragraph (S) was added to bring awareness to new legislation described in section 5103.132 of the Revised Code.

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, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.