

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: November 6, 2017
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5101.1414 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 rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The following Administrative Code rules have been written to outline the requirements for the Adoption Assistance Connections (AAC) to Age Twenty-One program. Adopted young adults who are age 18 may be able to continue adoption assistance payments to age 21. The AAC program provides adoption assistance payments on behalf of the adopted young adults that were in the permanent custody of a public children services agency (PCSA), had an adoption assistance agreement finalized after the age of 16 or 17 and finalized an adoption before age 18. The proposed AAC rules are as follows:

OAC 5101:2-51-01 "**Administration of the Adoption Assistance Connections to Age Twenty-One**" provides guidelines for the administration of the AAC program.

OAC 5101:2-51-02 "**Eligibility for the Adoption Assistance Connections (AAC) to Age Twenty-One**" outlines the requirements that the adoptive parent(s) must assure they continue to provide parental responsibility for the adopted young adult, the adopted young adult also assures ongoing parental support, and the adopted young adult meets one of the five eligibility criteria.

OAC 5101:2-51-03 "**Payments for the Adoption Assistance Connections to Age Twenty-One**" outlines the payment process for the AAC program.

A copy of the proposed rule 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 rule or comments on the rule 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.