

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

DATE: May 8, 2018
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 2921, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 2151.86, 5103.03, 5103.0319, 5103.0327 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 5101:2-5-32, entitled "Occupancy limitations and accessibility," provides guidance to agencies on the capacity limits and exceptions for foster homes. Paragraph (B)(3) was modified to correct a grammatical error. No substantial changes were made.

OAC rule 5101:2-7-02, entitled "General requirements for foster caregivers and applicants," provides guidance to agencies and potential foster caregivers on the requirements for becoming a foster caregiver. Paragraph (M)(2) was modified to remove the six month requirement for submission of the criminal record check at recertification. This aligns the language with OAC rule 5101:2-5-09.1 (N)(2).

OAC rule 5101:2-7-11, entitled "Socialization and education," provides guidance to agencies and caregivers on the socialization and education requirements for foster children. A new paragraph (D) was added to allow foster caregivers to use the reasonable and prudent parent standard when making social decisions for foster children.

OAC rule 5101:2-7-15, entitled "Transportation," provides guidance to agencies and foster caregivers on the regulations for transporting a child in care. Paragraphs (A) and (B) were broken out for clarity. No substantive changes were made.

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.