

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

DATE: 2/14/19

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower

30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to Sections 5101.141, 5101.11 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment, rescission and adoption of rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are being filed as part of the five-year rule review process.

In accordance with Public Law 115-123, the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) revised the program eligibility rules to delay phasing in the "applicable child" requirements based on the age of the child. The rules were reviewed as part of a five-year review.

OAC 5101:2-49-02 "**Title IV-E adoption assistance (AA) eligibility criteria for children age two and older**" sets forth the eligibility criteria for the adoption assistance program. The proposed rule contains the requirements for applicable children to be eligible for adoption assistance. The rule has been rescinded and filed as new to clearly explain the contrary to the welfare requirements.

OAC 5101:2-49-02.1 "**Title IV-E adoption assistance (AA) eligibility criteria for children under age two**" sets forth the eligibility criteria for the adoption assistance program. The amended rule contains the requirements for non-applicable children to be eligible for adoption assistance and when contrary to the welfare is required.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules 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) 752-8289, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.