

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: April 21, 2021
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Teleconference

Due to COVID-19 precautions this meeting will be held by teleconference. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please call in at the above date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D. which is 210 879 217#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5103.03 and 5153.166, 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 provides requirements for the assessment and approval of kinship caregivers. Language has been added to require the agency to notify the kinship caregiver of the right to be heard in court hearings involving the kinship child who has been placed in the home. Language has been added to require a search of the national sex offender registry for prospective kinship caregivers and adults residing in the home. The Ohio Revised Code citations for disqualifying offenses have been removed from the rule, which now refers to Appendix A for the list of disqualifying offenses. Language has been amended to clarify rehabilitation standards for disqualifying offenses. Language has been added to require a placing agency to notify a recommending agency about the intent to place a child when the home of the kinship caregiver is licensed as a foster home or approved as an adoptive home. Language has been added to require agencies to provide a kinship caregiver with information about the Kinship Support Program.

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

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