

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 12/16/21
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
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 697 075 038#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 2151.86, 3107.033, 5103.03 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 rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-48-09, entitled Application Process and Preservice Training, is proposed for amendment because it is to clarify terms, update approval processes in instances where an applicant or household member has been convicted of a crime, and update training topics. This rule provides guidance to agencies regarding the process and training required for persons seeking adoption approval. Paragraph (D) was amended to change terminology from adoptive parent to applicant. Paragraph (F)(3) was amended to provide reference to the offense list in appendix A of rule 5101:2-7-02, and to update language to enhance clarity. Paragraphs (O)(11) and (O)(12) were amended to include a requirement of training for a specified time frame for cultural issues and for addressing section 2152.72 of the Revised Code. Paragraph (P) was amended to remove the requirement to not allow the training on cultural issues to be waived, which will allow for cultural training to be a regular topic that could be subject to waiver. In Paragraph (Q) language was updated to change terminology from handicap to disability, and sexual identity to gender identity.

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. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

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.