PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 4/21/22 **TIME:** 10:00am

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 501 091 871#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Administration of the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) program is transitioning from the public children service agencies to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). The rule was rewritten to align with the requirements of HB 110. Pursuant to sections 5153.166, 5101.1418, 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 rescission and adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-44-13, entitled Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) Administration of the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) Program provides guidance to families seeking PASSS funding through the state-administered program. This rule is being rescinded and a new rule is being created. The new rule outlines the process to apply for PASSS funds including the approval and denial process. This rule also describes how PASSS funds may be used by the family. The title of the rule has changed to Administration of the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) Program.

OAC 5101:2-44-13.1, entitled **Eligibility and Application Process for the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) Program** details who is eligible for PASSS funding through the state-administered program. This rule is being rescinded and a new rule is being created. The new rule outlines the forms and documents that are necessary to apply for funding. The funding amounts are explained and the rule details what services cannot be paid for with PASSS funding.

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

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