

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

DATE: 3/14/2023
TIME: 10 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 894 006 837#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5103.02, 5103.03 and 119.03 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. The rules are being proposed as a result of five-year review.

OAC 5101:2-9-04 entitled General Maintenance of a Residential Facility is amended to include the requirement that the facility's water supply be tested within twelve months prior to initial certification and annually thereafter.

OAC 5101:2-9-07 entitled Emergency Planning and Preparedness is amended to remove the requirement to have an evacuation plan developed in consultation with the fire inspector.

OAC 5101:2-9-09 entitled Emergency Medical Plan and First Aid Supplies is amended to direct first aid supplies to be in each building used by children and a copy of the emergency medical plan posted in each building used by children.

OAC 5101:2-9-15 entitled Residential Facility Handbook for Residents and their Families is amended to include in the handbook rules and expectations for residents and the inclusion of the foster youth bill of rights.

OAC 5101:2-9-18 entitled Recreation and Leisure Activities and Equipment is amended to permit swimming activities when youth are monitored by a person who has completed lifesaving or water safety training.

OAC 5101:2-9-26 entitled Living Rooms, Dining Rooms and Lounges is amended to include the dining area large enough to accommodate all children to eat at the same time.

OAC 5101:2-9-31 entitled Laundry Facilities is amended to permit the use of a laundromat as an option if the residential facility laundry is inoperable or as a life skills training for older youth.

OAC 5101:2-9-35 entitled Additional Programmatic Requirements regarding Behavior Management is amended to reorganize the structure of the rule for clarity.

A copy of the proposed rules are 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 date, time, and location listed at the top of this letter. 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 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@odjfs.state.oh.us.