

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 6/27/23
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 913 117 218#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5101.19, 5101.191, 5101.192, 5101.193, 5101.194, 5101.801, 5101.802, 5153.16 and 5153.163 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 a new rule and the amendment of additional rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are proposed for new and as an amendments as a result of House Bill 45 of the 134th General Assembly which included creating the Ohio Adoption Grant Program (OAGP).

OAC 5101:2-44-15 entitled Administration and Eligibility for the Ohio Adoption Grant Program provides an overview of the program eligibility requirements of the Ohio Adoption Grant Program and outlines the process to apply for the one-time payment including the approval and denial processes.

OAC 5101:2-44-06 entitled Eligibility for the State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy Program (SAMS) outlines the eligibility requirements for the SAMS payments and provides the process to apply for the program. The rule was amended to address income received from the Ohio Adoption Grant Program, effective, April 7, 2023, is not to be counted when calculating the annual gross income for applicants. The rule was also restructured for clarification, along with the removal of revision dates for forms.

OAC 5101:2-44-08 entitled Redetermination and Amendment of a State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy (SAMS) describes the process for annual redetermination or a request to amend the agreement upon the request of the adoptive parent. The rule was amended to address income received from the Ohio Adoption Grant Program, effective, April 7, 2023, is not to be counted when calculating the annual gross income for applicants at the time of redetermination or request for amendment.

OAC 5101:2-40-04 entitled Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) Program provides an overview of the KPI program including eligibility requirements and public children services agency (PCSA) responsibilities for administering the program. The rule was amended to address income received from the Ohio Adoption Grant Program, effective, April 7, 2023, is not to be counted when calculating the annual gross income for applicants. The definition of "kinship caregiver" was amended to reflect the definition in section 5101.85 of the Ohio Revised Code. Additionally, language was added to clarify that a child who is receiving Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) payments is not

eligible for KPI and that any KGAP payments received for other children are not to be included in the income calculation for KPI. Additional edits to the rule were completed to correct errors and to reflect the current reference to the Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).

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.