

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 8/24/2023
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Teleconference and Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

This public hearing will be held by teleconference and in person. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please attend the meeting site location or call in at the date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D # which is 397 858 981#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to: rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5103.03, 5103.54, 5153.166 and Chapter 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, 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 5101:2-5-13 entitled Required Agency Policies, Plans and Procedures is being proposed for amendment as a result of the five year rule review and to update the policy regarding agency policies, plans and procedures. This rule provides guidance to agencies on the minimum required policies, plans and procedures for the agency. Paragraph (A)(1)(a) was amended to clarify the definition of prone restraint and to state that any face-down positioned restraint of a child is not permitted for any length of time. Paragraph (B) was amended for clarity.

OAC 5101:2-9-21 entitled Care, Supervision and Discipline is being proposed for amendment as a result of the five year rule review. This rule provides guidance to residential facilities regarding the care, supervision and discipline of the children in the facility. The title of the rule is changing to Residential Care, Supervision and Discipline. Paragraph (B) was broken out for clarity. Paragraph (C) removed the language clarified in paragraph (B) and in paragraph (C)(19) The definition for prone restraint has been revised to change the language prohibiting any method of intervention where a person's face and/or frontal part of the body is placed in a downward position touching any surface for any amount of time.

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.