

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

DATE: November 15, 2023
TIME: 10:00a.m.
LOCATION: Teleconference and Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

This meeting 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 439 726 009#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to: rules@jfs.ohio.gov

Pursuant to sections 5103.02, 5103.03, 5103.6018, 5103.617, 5103.54, 5153.166 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 adoption and amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-5-03 entitled Certification of an agency to perform specific functions provides guidance to agencies on what functions of certification is available for agencies. This rule was amended to add a Scholars Residential Center as a function type.

OAC 5101:2-5-18 entitled Waivers and variances provides guidance to agencies on how to request a rule waiver. This rule was amended to allow a Scholars Residential Center to request agency waivers and to allow an agency to request a waiver for a foster home in the case of a disaster or emergency situation regarding the home.

OAC 5101:2-9-42 entitled Qualified residential treatment program provides guidance to agencies on the requirements for the operation of a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP). The definition of a QRTP was amended to identify a Scholars Residential Center is exempt from being a QRTP.

OAC 5101:2-9-45 entitled Scholars residential center provides the criteria and requirements of a scholars residential center (SRC). This new rule identifies the required criteria for an agency to be a SRC. This rule outlines the requirements of a SRC to be certified and in the provision of services to children and their families.

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

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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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