

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

DATE: 12/27/23
TIME: 10:00am
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 969833247#
Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to: rules@jfs.ohio.gov

Pursuant to section 5103.03, 5103.0316, 5153.166 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adoption, amendment, or rescission of the rule or rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:2-5-40, entitled Preplacement and continuing training programs, is proposed for amendment as a result of the five-year rule review. This rule provides guidance to agencies seeking to operate a preplacement training program or a continuing training program. This rule is amended to remove the requirement of the annual submission of agency training plans and was replaced to require training plans only when there is a new plan or changes to existing plans.

Rule 5101:2-9-02, entitled Staffing requirements, is proposed for amendment as a result of the five year rule review, and rule writing authority to amend, rescind or create new rules to provide guidance to licensed providers. The rule contains guidance on staffing requirements in a residential facility. The proposed amendment to this rule removes twenty hours of training before staff can be unsupervised with minor residents in the facility.

Rule 5101:2-42-65, entitled Caseworker visits and contacts with children in substitute care, is being amended for the five year rule review and rule writing authority to amend, rescind or create new rules to provide guidance to licensed providers. This rule provides guidance to agencies regarding caseworker visits and contacts with the child and the substitute caregiver(s). Language requiring weekly contact with caregivers for children placed in special, exceptional, or intensive needs placements is being removed.

Rule 5101:2-42-66.1, entitled Comprehensive health care for children in placement, is proposed for amendment as a result of the five-year rule review. This rule guidelines for the public children service agencies (PCSAs) and private child placing agencies (PCPAs) on the coordination and prevision of health care for each child in the agency's care or in the custody, placed into substitute care. Paragraph (C) was amended to remove restrictive language regarding medical screenings when a child's placement changes or when a child

is placed into foster care directly from a medical setting.

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.