

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: Monday, August 13, 2007
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 119.03, 5103.03 and 5153.16 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 amended rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

This rule outlines the provisions that govern eligibility, the administration and application process for the Kinship Care Permanency Incentive Program which was amended by Am. Sub. House Bill 119. The proposed rule allows the PCSA to provide incentive payments to kinship caregivers to promote permanency.

OAC 5101:2-40-04 entitled Kinship permanency incentive program outlines the provisions that govern eligibility, administration and application process for the KPI program. The rule allows the public children services agency (PCSA) to provide incentive payments to kinship caregivers to promote permanency. In this rule, a few changes were made regarding the kinship caregiver's income. Gross income was defined in the definition section of the rule and language was added to the eligibility requirements. The new language addresses limited exclusions of reported income that are to be deducted from the gross income such as up to one-hundred dollars of child support. It also clarifies individuals whose income must be considered for this program. Language was added to clarify that the rule does not prohibit a PCSA or PCPA from completing a home assessment on behalf of caregivers with whom a child was already directly placed by a court or relative.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below. The rule is also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held at the 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 rule or comments on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal 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.