

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

DATE: Wednesday, December 5, 2007
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 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 new rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

This rule sets forth the new requirements of the caseworker when making visits to children in a substitute care setting. This rule outlines the provisions that govern the responsibility of the caseworker and the frequency in which visits must be made. The proposed rule clarifies the responsibilities of the caseworker.

OAC 5101:2-42-65 entitled Caseworker visits and contacts with children in substitute care outlines the provisions that govern the responsibility of the caseworker when making visits to children in a substitute care setting. This rule is being rescinded and filed as new to ensure Ohio's visitation policy promotes child safety and well-being while the child is in substitute care and that they meet the requirements of the federal legislation. Language was added that stipulates the caseworker's frequency of visits with children in substitute care as well as specific observations and activity during the visit.

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.