PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Rm. 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower

30 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio

Pursuant to sections 2151.86, 5103.03, 5103.0316, 5153.16 and Chapter 119. 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 amendment of the rules identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-5-33 entitled Foster caregiver preplacement and continuing training is being amended to increase the number of required preplacement training hours. The rule is also being amended to outline the process for how a foster caregiver may receive up to twenty percent of the required amount of continuing training hours.

OAC 5101:2-5-38 entitled Payment of foster caregiver training stipends; reimbursement of training allowances to recommending agencies is being amended to outline how a foster caregiver shall be reimbursed for preplacement training. The rule is also being amended to clarify how the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will reimburse the recommending agency for preplacement training completed by the foster caregiver.

OAC 5101:2-5-40 entitled <u>Preplacement and continuing training programs</u> is being amended to add language to address the approval process when a training proposal is submitted by a consortium. The rule is also being amended to include an additional training course which may be offered as appropriate to the needs of the foster caregiver.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/. A public hearing on the proposed rules 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 for postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on the rules 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, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@odjfs.state.oh.us.

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