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

DATE: Tuesday, September 16, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower

30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 3107.083, 5101.03, 5103.15, 5101.141, 5103.02, 5103.03, 5107.05, 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 as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:2-42-05 <u>Selection of a placement setting</u> sets forth the requirements of a public children services agency (PCSA) or private child placing agency (PCPA) placing a child in the least restrictive substitute care setting. This rule is being proposed for amendment to make formatting changes.

Rule 5101:2-42-09 Acceptance of permanent custody permanent surrender sets forth the requirements and responsibility of the PCSA, PCPA, parents, guardians or other persons having custody of a child in entering into an agreement with a PCSA or PCPA to voluntarily surrender a child into the permanent custody of an agency. This rule is being amended to make formatting changes.

Rule 5101:2-42-18 PCSA and PCPA approval of placements with relative and nonrelative substitute caregivers sets forth the requirements of the PCSA or PCPA having custody of a child to consider approving and placing a child with a relative or nonrelative if the placement is determined to be in the child's best interest. This rule is being amended to include language regarding the requirements of the BCII checks for prospective relative or nonrelative placements and to include language regarding child abuse and neglect checks in SACWIS on prospective caregivers and others in the home. Formatting changes were also made.

**Rule 5101:2-42-67** <u>Preparation of lifebook</u> sets forth the requirements of a PCSA or PCPA in preparing a lifebook for a child that has remained in substitute care for longer than twelve months. This rule is being amended to include language that may be incorporated in a child's lifebook, gender appropriate language and to define PCSA and PCPA.

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 <a href="http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/">http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/</a>. 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 Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

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