

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2009.
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5103.03, 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 rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:2-42-18, entitled PCSA and PCPA Approval of Placements with Relative and Nonrelative Substitute Caregivers, is being proposed for amendment in order to clarify the criminal offenses and rehabilitation guidelines precluding approval of a placement with a relative or nonrelative substitute caregiver. This rule sets forth the overall 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. The changes to the rule are to the criminal offense section which now mirrors the foster care licensing rule through incorporation by reference.

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 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.