LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Pursuant to sections, 5101.03, 5103.12, 5101.15, 5101.16, 5153.16, 2151.86, 3107.31, 3107.61, 3107.062, 3107.091, 3107.17, 3107.013, 3107.032 and Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department=s intent to consider the amendment, adoption and rescission of rules governing children services, as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The following rules are being proposed for rescission due to five year rule review requirements and the proposed elimination of state funding used to support the AdoptOhio program:

Rule 5101:2-48-01 entitled "AdoptOhio agency responsibilities" stipulates the responsibilities of the PCSA, PCPA, and the PNA in the administration of the AdoptOhio incentive program.

Rule 5101:2-48-04 entitled "AdoptOhio agency agreement" stipulates eligibility requirements for PCSA, PCPA, and the PNA for the AdoptOhio incentive program. The rule has been re-written and proposed for adoption.

The following rules are to be adopted:

Rule 5101:2-48-04 entitled "AdoptOhio agency agreement" stipulates eligibility requirements for the PCSA, PCPA, and the PNA for the AdoptOhio incentive program. This rule is being proposed to replace current rule 5101:2-48-04.

The following rules are being proposed for amendment due to five year rule review requirements and the proposed elimination of state funding used to support the AdoptOhio program:

Rule 5101:2-48-18 entitled "Postfinalization services" outlines the requirements that the PCSA, PCPA, and PNA must follow in providing post-finalization services to the adoptive families.

Rule 5101:2-48-19 entitled "Release of adoptive homestudy and related information" stipulates the responsibilities of the PCSA, PCPA, and PNA agencies for the release of adoptive homestudies and related information.

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on May 20, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. until all testimony is heard in the Room 1814, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Either written or verbal testimony on the proposed rule will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than May 20, 2003 will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on it should be submitted by mail to **A**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 email at <u>Alegal@odjfs.state.oh.us@</u>