PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 9/22/09 TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower

30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5101.11, 5101.141, 5101.35, 5153.163 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:2-44-06 entitled "Eligibility of adoptive family and adoptive child for the state adoption maintenance subsidy program" outlines the eligibility requirements for the state adoption maintenance subsidy program. This rule is being amended to close the program to new applications, clarify the criteria for determining eligibility and to comply with the Department's required format for rules.

OAC 5101:2-44-08 "Redetermination and Amendment of a State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy" outlines the procedures for completing a redetermination for the State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy. This rule is being amended to add language on the procedures an agency must follow if funds are not available to support the program.

OAC 5101:2-49-21 "Reimbursement of nonrecurring adoption expenses for a child with special needs" outlines the procedures for reimbursement of adoption related expenses. This rule is being amended to change the amount of reimbursement to one thousand dollars per child.

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 or 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@jfs.ohio.gov.

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