

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
DATE: 07/07/2022
TIME: 10:00am
LOCATION: Teleconference

Due to Co-Vid 19 precautions this meeting will be held by teleconference. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please call in at the above date and time to 1-614-721-2972 Then enter the meeting I.D. which is 201 838 772# Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections, 2151.421, 5153.166, and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Amended 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. The following rules have been amended to reflect legislative changes and are subject to five-year review.

OAC 5101:2-33-26 entitled **The County Child Abuse and Neglect Memorandum of Understanding** has been amended to outline PCSA requirements for ensuring that the county MOU is signed by specified community partners, approved by the local county commissioners, and submitted to ODJFS biennially. The rule also outlines actions the PCSA is to take if their county's MOU is determined compliant or non-compliant by ODJFS, if a required official refuses to sign the MOU, and if the PCSA revises a previously approved MOU. Paragraphs within the rule have also been restructured and re-worded to promote clarity. Additionally, a new form 01425 Model Memorandum of Understanding to Address Child Abuse and Neglect has been developed to assist PCSAs in implementing the new MOU requirements. The JFS 01425-I Instructions for the Model Memorandum of Understanding to Address Child Abuse and Neglect provides instructions that PCSAs may use to establish MOUs that meet the statutory requirements.

OAC 5101:2-36-12 entitled **PCSA Requirement for Cross-referring Reports of Child Abuse and/or Neglect** has been amended to include language to reflect the statutory requirement for PCSAs to cross-refer screened-in reports of child abuse to the appropriate law enforcement authority. Language was also added to detail which screened-in reports of child neglect must be cross-referred to law enforcement. These revisions were made to increase communication with law enforcement on cases necessitating a safety plan while promoting PCSA discretion around additional communication with law enforcement. Statutory requirements to determine if the custodial parent, non-custodial parent, guardian, or custodian of a child is in the armed forces, notify the appropriate military authority if applicable, and to disclose specified confidential information to the appropriate military authority were added. Wording was also updated to include contacting licensing and supervising authorities for qualified residential treatment programs as applicable.

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 Acquisition 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.