

**Department of
Children & Youth****PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

DATE: September 25, 2025
TIME: 1:00 pm
LOCATION: Teleconference and Punderson Conference Room
35 E. Chestnut Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

This meeting will be held by teleconference and in person. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please attend the meeting site location or call in at the date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D # which is 801 494 182 #. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 2151.86, 3107.011, 3107.012, 3107.03, 3107.031, 3107.032, 3107.033, 5153.166 and in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the rescission and adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The Ohio Administrative Rules (OAC) rules included in this notice are being proposed for rescission and adoption as a result of the following legislative changes.

House Bill 33 (HB 33) of the 135th General Assembly required DCY rules in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) to be renumbered to 5180 on January 2, 2025. For organizational reasons, as DCY opens rules, they are being rescinded and adopted under a new number. House Bill 96 (HB 96) of the 136th General Assembly, amends sections 3107.012 and 3107.031 of the Revised Code which govern the process in which foster caregivers may apply for adoption approval, including when a foster caregiver is seeking to adopt a foster child or sibling group that resides in the foster caregiver's home.

OAC rules 5180:2-48-11 and 5180:2-48-11.1 are being rescinded and consolidated into new rule 5180:7-1-11.

OAC rule **5180:2-48-11** entitled **"Approval of a foster home for adoptive placement"** provides guidance to agencies for foster caregivers wanting to add adoption approval to an existing foster home certification.

OAC rule **5180:2-48-11.1** entitled **"Foster caregiver adoption of a foster child or sibling group who has resided with the caregiver for at least six consecutive months"** provides guidance to agencies for foster caregivers who are seeking approval to be an adoptive parent for a foster child or sibling group who is placed in their home for at least six months.

OAC rule 5180:7-1-11 entitled **"Foster Caregiver Adoption Approval"**, is being adopted as a new rule. OAC Rule 5180:7-1-11 provides guidance to agencies for persons wanting to add adoption approval to an existing foster care certification, including guidance to agencies regarding the adoption process for a foster child or sibling group who is placed in the foster caregiver's home. Paragraphs within the rule were restructured to question-and-answer format. OAC Rule 5180:7-1-11 removes the six-month waiting period for foster caregivers who express interest in adopting a foster child or sibling group that resides in their home, allowing for faster permanency for children. Foster caregivers in this scenario may complete the DCY 01692 to serve as a shortened and child-specific homestudy. Form DCY 01692 "Application for Adoption of a Foster Child or Sibling Group," amended to remove the checkbox requirement that the child(ren) has resided in the foster home for at least six months. This requirement is replaced with a checkbox confirming the child(ren) does reside in the foster home at the time of application.

A copy of the proposed OAC rules 5180:7-1-11, 5180:2-48-11 and 5180:2-48-11.1 are available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. OAC rules 5180:7-1-11, 5180:2-48-11 and 5180:2-48-11.1 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 to the attention of DCY Rules Coordinator by mail to the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, Legal Division, PO Box 183204, Columbus, Ohio 43218, or by e-mail at rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.