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Department of Children & Youth

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

DATE: **October 22, 2026**
TIME: **1:00pm**
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 393 387 344#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5103.03 and 5153.166 and in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth gives notice of the department's intent to consider the rescinding and adopting of 5180:2-42-18 and 5180:3-13-18 as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The following OAC rules are being proposed for rescission and adoption as a result of a review conducted in accordance with section 106.03 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), which requires five-year reviews of all state agency rules.

OAC rule 5180:2-42-18 "PCSA and PCPA approval of placements with relative and nonrelative substitute caregivers" provides guidance to agencies assessing kinship caregivers for the placement of kin children who are in custody of a Title IV-E agency. This rule is being rescinded and renumbered to 5180:3-13-18.

OAC rule 5180:3-13-18 "Approval of placements with kinship caregivers for kinship assessments and through kinship specific foster certifications" is being proposed for adoption. This rule provides guidance to agencies assessing kinship caregivers for the placement of children who are in custody of a Title IV-E agency. This rule has been changed to a question-and-answer format. To align with federal recommendations that allow for states to adopt a separate set of standards for kin-specific foster care certification, language was added to provide guidance to agencies on certifying kinship caregivers to provide foster care for kin children.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rule is 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.