

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**DATE:** May 8, 2014  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower  
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5103.03, 5103.0316 and Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment and rescission of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rules are proposed for amendment as a result of the five year review process.

OAC rule 5101:2-5-13, entitled "Required agency policies, plans and procedures", provides guidance to agencies regarding policies a foster care agency must have in order to operate. Paragraph (A)(2) was amended to remove the two year update timeframe for the completion of the Multiethnic Placement Act (MEPA) plan. The MEPA plan can remain as written until an update occurs. Paragraph (A)(10) was amended for clarity. No substantive changes were made. Paragraph (A)(16) was added to require an agency that operates a residential facility to have a policy for admissions. Paragraphs (A)(24) and (A)(25) were removed because they are duplicative and can be found in rule 5101:2-48-05 of the Administrative Code. A new paragraph (A)(28) was added to require an agency to have a policy for monitoring the appropriate use of psychotropic medications for children and youth in foster care. This was added due to a federal mandate in section 422(b) (15)(A) of 42 U.S.C. 622.

A copy of the proposed rule(s) is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule(s) at the address listed below. The rule(s) is also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule(s) 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 rule(s) or comments on the rule(s) should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov).