

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: June 8, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 2151.86, 3107.033, 5101.141, 5103.03, 5153.16, 5153.166 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 of the rules 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 5101:2-48-13, entitled "Non-discrimination requirements for adoptive placements" provides guidance to agencies regarding discriminating actions that are prohibited when making placement decisions, as well as required actions when race, color, or national origin is intended to be a factor in the decision making process. There were no substantive changes to this rule. Form effective dates were updated throughout the rule and language was changed for grammatical purposes.

OAC rule 5101:2-48-22, entitled "Adoptive family case record" provides guidance to agencies regarding the documentation requirements for the case record for each potential adoptive family. Language in paragraph (B)(5) was changed to align with the requirements in rule 5101:2-48-12 regarding falsification. Other changes were not substantive. Form effective dates were updated and language was revised for grammatical purposes.

OAC rule 5101:2-48-23, entitled "Preservation of adoptive child case record" provides guidance to custodial agencies regarding the documentation requirements to be placed in the adoptive child's case record. Language in paragraph (B)(4) was added to meet the requirements of ORC 3107.12. There were no other substantive changes. Form effective dates were updated throughout the rule.

OAC rule 5101:2-48-24, entitled "Agency adoption review procedures" provides guidance to agencies on the requirements of the review process when a complaint is received from adoptive applicants or families. Paragraph (B) was broken out into subparagraphs for the ease of the reader. The language in paragraph (G) was revised to align with the requirements in rule 5101:2-48-12 regarding falsification.

A copy of the proposed rule 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 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, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.