

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

**DATE:** September 7, 2006  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Room 2925, Rhodes State Office Tower  
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5104.011 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 adoption, amendment or rescission of the rule or rules identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:2-12-14 Outdoor Play requirements has been amended to require programs that operate more than two hours after school to provide schoolage children with outdoor play time. Language has been added to define standards for protective covering under climbers, swings and slides and the extent of fall zones.

Rules 5101:2-12-15 and 5101:2-13-15 Safe and Sanitary Equipment and Environment have been amended to include an appendix to explain cleaning schedules. Language has been amended for consistency with recent revisions to the Communicable Disease training. Requirements regarding handwashing have been moved to a new rule.

Rules 5101:2-12-15.1 and 5101:2-13-15.1 Handwashing and Standard Precautions have been added to define basic precautions and the procedures necessary to protect staff from potentially infectious diseases. This rule also details handwashing requirements for staff and children and clarifies that liquid soap must be used.

Rules 5101:2-12-15.2 and 5101:2-13-15.2 Diapering and Toilet Training have been added to provide better access to required diapering procedures.

Rules 5101:2-12-15.3 and 5101:2-13-15.3 Smoke Free Environment have been added to allow child care staff to access the requirements for a smoke free environment more easily.

Rules 5101:2-12-15.4 and 5101:2-13-15.4 Toothbrushing have been added to detail the standards for brushing teeth and handling toothbrushes.

Rules 5101:2-12-18 and 5101:2-13-18 Transportation and Procedural Requirements have been amended to specify the procedural areas of transportation and fieldtrips and to add safety policies. Requirements regarding vehicles and drivers have been moved to new rules.

Rules 5101:2-12-18.1 and 5101:2-13-18.1 Transportation and Vehicle Requirements are new rules that require a prescribed form to be used for the annual vehicle inspections. Staff must inspect vehicles weekly for basic safety requirements. These rules also propose new requirements for the types of vehicles permitted.

Rules 5101:2-12-18.2 and 5101:2-13-18.2 Transportation and Driver Requirements are new rules that define driver requirements, including that drivers participate in pre-service transportation training prior to transporting children.

Rules 5101:2-12-32 Parental Participation Policies and Parent Roster Requirements in Licensed Child Care Centers has been amended to clarify language.

Rules 5101:2-12-33 and 5101:2-13-33 Management of Illness have been amended to clarify that the axillary method must be used for taking temperatures and the thermometer must be sanitized after each use. Language has been updated to reflect current language in communicable disease trainings.

Rules 5101:2-12-42 and 5101:2-13-42 Cribs have been amended to reflect current research regarding safe sleep positions for infants and to specify who can approve alternate sleep positions. Language has been added to clarify that cribs, when not in use, may be moved together and that cribs may not be re-assigned if the infant is still in attendance.

Rules 5101:2-12-43 and 5101:2-13-43 Handwashing and Diapering have been rescinded as the contents have been moved to 5101:2-12-15.1 and 5101:2-13-15.1.

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 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 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@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:rules@odjfs.state.oh.us).