

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

**DATE:** 1/5/2021  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Teleconference

**Due to COVID-19 precautions this meeting will be held by teleconference. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please call in at the above date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D. which is 602 607 539#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov).**

Pursuant to sections 3107.033, 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 rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. This rule is proposed for amendment as a result of the five-year review, the passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act and to keep alignment with foster care requirements.

OAC rule 5101:2-48-19, entitled "Sharing and Transferring an Adoptive Homestudy," provides guidance to agencies on how to share homestudies and process the transfer of an adoptive homestudy approval. Paragraph (H)(1)(c) was amended regarding references for prospective adoptive applicants. Paragraph (H)(1)(f) was added to require a search of the national sex offender registry for the adoptive applicant and adult household members. Paragraph (K) was amended to have the information from (K)(1) to be included within the paragraph, then (1) and (2) were removed. This was amended since private agencies have provider access to enter homestudies in SACWIS. Form revision dates were removed throughout the rule.

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. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov).

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).