

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

DATE: 09/01/2022
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 736 210 492#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 3107.031, 3107.032, 3107.033, 5101.141, 5103.03, 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 as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are proposed for amendment as a result of the five-year review process.

OAC 5101:2-48-05 entitled **Agency Adoption Policy and Recruitment Plan** provides guidance to agencies regarding the policies they are required to have in place. Form revision dates were removed throughout the rule. Paragraph (B)(14) was amended to include post adoption in the statement and (B)(14)(e) was removed as county agencies will no longer be determining the post adoption special services subsidy after July 1, 2022. The reference to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 in paragraph (C) was updated.

OAC 5101:2-48-12 entitled **Completion of the Adoption Homestudy** provides guidance to agencies on the homestudy process for prospective adoptive applicants. Form revision dates were removed throughout the rule. Terminology regarding identity and the reference to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in paragraph (E) were updated. 'Ohio' was added in front of statewide automated child welfare information system throughout, so the system is properly identified.

OAC 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. The reference to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 in paragraph (B) was updated.

OAC 5101:2-48-16 entitled **Adoption Preplacement and Placement Procedures** provides guidance to agencies in regards to the matching and placement requirements for children in their permanent custody. Form revision dates were removed throughout the rule. The reference to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 in paragraph (V)(1) was updated. The reference to the Multiethnic Placement Act information in paragraph (KK) was updated.

OAC 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. The grammar in paragraph (B)(2) was amended.

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.

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.