

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

DATE: 9/7/22
TIME: 10:00 AM
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 349 137 282#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5101.1417 and Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

In accordance with section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, the following Administrative Code rules were created to outline the requirements for the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program Connections to Twenty-One (KGAP C21) program. Kinship guardianship young adults who are age 18 may be able to continue kinship guardianship assistance payments to age 21. The KGAP C21 program provides kinship guardianship assistance payments on behalf of the kinship guardianship young adults that were in the temporary, permanent, or planned permanent living arrangement custody of an Ohio public children services agency (PCSA), prior to being committed to the legal custody or guardianship of a kinship caregiver. The kinship caregiver young adult must have had a kinship guardianship assistance agreement finalized after attaining the age of 16 or 17 but prior to age 18 and must meet one of the eligibility requirements pursuant to rule 5101:2-55-02(A)(3) of the Administrative Code. The rules were reviewed and will become effective on January 1, 2023.

OAC 5101:2-55-01 "**Administration of Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program Connections to Twenty-One (KGAP C21)**" provides guidelines for the administration of the KGAP C21 program.

OAC 5101:2-55-02 "**Eligibility for Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program Connections to Twenty-One (KGAP C21)**" outlines requirements that the kinship caregiver(s) must assure they continue to provide caregiver responsibility for the kinship guardianship young adult, the kinship guardianship young adult also assures ongoing kinship caregiver support, and the kinship guardianship young adult meets one of the five eligibility criteria.

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OAC 5101:2-55-03 **"Payments for Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program Connections to Twenty-One (KGAP C21)"** outlines the payment process for the KGAP C21 program.

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

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