

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

DATE: 9/7/2022

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 5153.163, 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. These rules were created for the administration of the state Kinship Guardianship Assistance (KGAP) program.

OAC 5101:2-56-01 entitled **Administration of the State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP)** provides an overview of the program and details who is responsible for administration of the program. It provides an overview of the responsibilities of ODJFS including negotiation of the monthly state KGAP amount.

OAC 5101:2-56-02 entitled **Eligibility for State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP)** details the eligibility requirements of the state KGAP program. This includes the requirements that must be met by the kinship caregiver applying for the state KGAP program and the requirements related to the child.

OAC 5101:2-56-03 entitled **Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) Eligibility Determination of the State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP)** identifies the responsibilities of the PCSA and ODJFS. It details how they will coordinate to administer the program including timelines for determining eligibility by the PCSA and the activities that follow a review of the eligibility criteria.

OAC 5101:2-56-04 entitled **Requirements for State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) Past Age Eighteen** details the requirements of the caregiver and ODJFS should a child receiving state KGAP have a documented physical/mental disability or medical condition that would allow the payments to continue beyond age eighteen.

OAC 5101:2-56-05 entitled **Reimbursement of Nonrecurring State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) Expenses** defines nonrecurring expenses. It also outlines the responsibilities of ODJFS including making kinship caregivers aware of the availability of funds.

OAC 5101:2-56-06 entitled **Termination of State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) Payments** provides guidance regarding the termination process including reasons to terminate and the process for termination.

OAC 5101:2-56-07 entitled **State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) Record Requirements** details the documents that must be kept in the case record.

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