

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

**DATE: 5/18/2023**

**TIME: 10am**

**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 732 467 704#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov).**

Pursuant to sections 5104.30, 5104.38 and 5104.39, and Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) gives notice of the department's intent to consider amendment of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014 requires each state to complete a market rate survey (MRS) to be used in establishing rates for publicly funded child care. In 2022, in accordance with Chapter 5104. of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) conducted the MRS through an electronic survey sent to all licensed providers to capture rate data by age category and time served (i.e., full time, part time, hourly). Cluster analysis identified three cluster groupings of rates indicating three distinct, county-based, market rate structures in Ohio. This rule is being amended to implement new publicly funded child care rates based on the 2022 MRS and federal guidance requiring base rates to be at or above the 25th percentile of the market.

**Proposed Amended Rules:**

**Appendix A to rule 5101:2-16-10** is being revised to update new county categories and provider payment rates.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below. This rule is also available on the internet at <http://www.registrofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule 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 or comments on the rule 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).