PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE:Friday, November 14, 2008TIME:10:00 a.m.LOCATION:Rm 3110B. Rhodes State Office Tower
30 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio

Pursuant to sections 3107.032, 5101.141, 5103.03, 5153.16 and 5153.166 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 the adoption, amendment and rescission of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

<u>5101:2-48-05</u> <u>RESCISSION</u> "Agency adoption policy and recruitment plan" is being proposed for rescission to clarify adoption policy. It will be replaced by a new rule of the same name and number. This rule outlines the preferential consideration when determining the adoptive placement of a child. This rule also clarifies how to narrow the number of families presented at the matching conference.

<u>5101:2-48-05</u> <u>NEW</u> "Agency adoption policy and recruitment plan" is being proposed for adoption to clarify adoption policy. It replaces a rescinded rule of the same name and number. This rule outlines the requirements that an adoptive agency must have in its adoption policies and adoption recruitment plan. This rule also outlines the preferential consideration when determining the adoptive placement of a child. This rule also clarify the narrowing the number of families presented at the matching conference.

<u>5101:2-48-13</u> "Non-discrimination requirements for adoptive placements" is being proposed for amendment to clarify adoptive placement policy. This rule was amended to require the agency to provide the JFS 01607 to the licensed professional for an assessment and require that a copy of the rules 5101:2-48-13 and 5101:2-48-16 and the JFS 01611 be provided. Formatting changes were also made.

<u>5101:2-42-18.1</u> "Non-discriminatory requirements for foster care placements" is being proposed for amendment to clarify foster care placement policy. This rule was amended to require the agency to provide the JFS 01607 to the licensed professional for an individualized assessment and requires that a copy of rule 5101:2-42-18.1 and the JFS 01611 be provided. Formatting changes were also made.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <u>http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/</u>. A public hearing on the proposed rules 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 rules or comments on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of

Job and Family Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at <u>rules@jfs.ohio.gov</u>.