

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

DATE: November 17, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 2151.86, 5103.03, 5103.0316, 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 identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC 5101:2-33-13 entitled Adoption administrative falsification procedures sets forth the requirements to follow when there is probable cause to believe that falsification of an adoptive application or homestudy has been committed. The rule has been amended for reformatting purposes in order to provide clarity regarding the requirements of an internal investigation.

OAC 5101:2-48-11.1 entitled Foster caregiver adoption of a foster child who has resided with the caregiver for at least twelve consecutive months outlines the adoption process for a child who has resided with a caregiver for at least twelve consecutive months. The rule has been amended to remove the reference to a form that no longer applies and is obsolete.

OAC 5101:2-48-12 entitled Completion of the homestudy report outlines the homestudy process for prospective adoptive applicants, the procedures for approving an applicant as an adoptive parent or denying the adoption application and who may conduct adoptive homestudies. The rule has been amended due to a grammatical error and for clarity.

OAC 5101:2-48-22 entitled Adoptive family case record set forth the documents which must be maintained in the adoptive family case record. The rule has been amended to strike out language referencing the Ohio adoption photo listing.

OAC 5101:2-48-23 entitled Preservation of adoptive child case record set forth the requirements of the documents that must be maintained in the child's adoption record. The rule has been amended to update the revised date of the forms referenced in the rule.

OAC 5101:2-48-24 entitled Agency adoption review procedures sets forth the procedures an agency must follow to review complaints from persons involved with an adoption. The rule has been amended due to a grammatical error.

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 <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. 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 for 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, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.