

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

DATE: 12/07/2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5103.03, 5103.18 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 as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rules 5101:2-5-09.1, entitled " Personnel and prohibited convictions for employment," 5101:2-7-12, entitled "General requirements for foster caregivers and applicants, " and 5101:2-48-10, entitled "Restrictions concerning provision of adoption services" are being proposed for amendment as a result of new federal legislation in 42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(20), as amended by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, Publ. L. No. 109-248, § 152. Rule 5101:2-5-09.1 sets forth the criminal records check requirements an agency must follow in order to certify or recertify a foster caregiver. The changes to the rule clarify when an agency must include the FBI check in a criminal record check request. Rule 5101:2-7-02 sets forth general guidelines for foster caregivers and applicants. The changes to the rule clarify issues on the financial stability of the household. The rule also adds four prohibited offenses as a result of the Adam Walsh Act. Rule 5101:2-48-10 sets forth guidelines for background checks for adoptive applicants. The rule adds four prohibited offenses as a result of the Adam Walsh Act.

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 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.