

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice of its intent to rescind and adopt the following rules of the Administrative Code on a permanent basis on or about March 24, 2014, and to conduct a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5123:2-1-12 entitled "Administrative Resolution of Complaints for County Boards" is proposed for rescission. The rule establishes the process for the administrative resolution of complaints involving the programs, services, policies, or administrative practices of a county board of developmental disabilities or an entity under contract with a county board of developmental disabilities. The Department is rescinding the existing rule and bringing forth a new rule of the same number as necessary revisions affect more than fifty percent of the rule.

Rule 5123:2-1-12 entitled "Resolution of Complaints Involving County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and Appeals of Adverse Action Proposed or Initiated by County Boards of Developmental Disabilities" is a proposed new rule. The rule sets forth the process for resolution of complaints involving the programs, services, policies, or administrative practices of a county board of developmental disabilities or an entity under contract with a county board of developmental disabilities; sets forth the process for individuals to appeal adverse actions proposed or initiated by a county board of developmental disabilities; and sets forth the requirement for county boards of developmental disabilities to give notice of the process to be followed for resolution of complaints and appeals of adverse action.

A public hearing on the proposed rule actions will be held on **February 11, 2014**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.**, and continuing until all persons in attendance have had an opportunity to testify. The hearing will be held in the **Lobby Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**. At this hearing, the Department will accept verbal and/or written testimony on the proposed rule actions under consideration.

Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments on the proposed rule actions. Any written comments received on or before the public hearing date will be treated as testimony and made available for public review.

Submittal of written comments may be made to Becky Phillips, Administrative Rules Coordinator, by email to becky.phillips@dodd.ohio.gov, by fax to 614/644-5013, or by U.S. mail to 30 East Broad Street, 12th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414.

The rules are available at the Register of Ohio website: http://registerofohio.state.oh.us and at the Department's website: https://doddportal.dodd.ohio.gov/rules/underdevelopment/Pages/default.aspx. The rules are also available for review at each county board of developmental disabilities.