

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 5/5/2021

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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 599 777 360#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 3109.16 and 3109.179 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 and rescission of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon as a result of the Five Year Rule Review requirements.

The following is a brief explanation of the amended rules:

Amended: OAC 5101:5-1-01 entitled Regional prevention councils operation and regional prevention council member duties removes sections of the rule which are duplicative of section 3109.179 of the Revised Code, including the Duties and structure of a regional prevention council, Officers and their duties, Compensation of council members, and Workgroups.

Additionally, the amended rule removes language that is obsolete and/or unenforceable, including the required adoption of Robert's Rules of Order (2011), the process for minutes and agenda, the involvement of council members with acquiring county level data, and an attendance rule. The Robert's Rules of Order is an obsolete requirement removing the local control of the council chair to regulate the councils in accordance with council-preferred operations. The processes for minutes and agenda are contract language included in OCTF's agreement with the Regional Coordinating Entities and are unnecessarily placed within the Ohio Administrative Code. The involvement of council members with acquiring county level data is obsolete as the OCTF created a Data Dashboard responsible for this and council member involvement is no longer required. The attendance requirements are removed as obsolete and unenforceable as the requirements are applicable concurrently with council term limits. The requirements that councils must work within the OCTF online system is being removed as the online system does not exist.

The requirements pertaining to officer's duties, council meetings and notices, the council's duty to engage the prevention plan, to serve on at least one workgroup, and to assist with the needs assessment are retained as applicable and relevant regulations.

Amended: OAC 5101:5-1-02 entitled Regional prevention coordinator duties and selection process provides guidance, in accordance with division (B) of section 3109.179 of the Revised Code, on the responsibilities of regional prevention coordinators including the selection of child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council chairpersons, the conducting of comprehensive needs assessments and the provision of management and administrative functions of the regional prevention councils and their workgroups. These provisions are rescinded as contract language not appropriate for Ohio Administrative Code. The rule is amended to provide guidance for situations in which a regional prevention coordinator is unable to continue and/or is not fulfilling its statutory obligations. The rule is amended to be entitled OCTF as regional prevention coordinator.

Amended: OAC 5101:5-1-03 entitled Boards of county commissioners appointing of regional prevention council members provides guidance, in accordance with division (A) of section 3109.179 of the Revised Code, on the manner in which boards of county commissioners are to appoint and reappoint child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council members.

This rule is amended to remove language duplicative of division (D) of section 3109.172 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Rescinded: OAC 5101:5-1-04 entitled Regional prevention council designations creates names, in accordance with division (B) of section 3109.179 of the Revised Code, for each of the eight child abuse and child neglect regional prevention councils established under division (B) of section 3109.172 of the Revised Code to serve the eight child abuse and child neglect prevention regions created and defined under section 3109.171 of the Revised Code.

This rule is rescinded as an unnecessary addition to the Ohio Administrative Code that only serves to name the regions, which can be updated in Ohio Revised Code, if necessary.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. These 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 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, Office of Legal and Acquisition 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.