

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

**DATE:** 8/11/22

**TIME:** 10:00am

**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 259 620 245#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.**

Pursuant to section 5101.134 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 rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The following is a brief explanation of the changes:

OAC 5101:2-33-70 entitled **Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) Access** provides guidance to agencies on how to obtain access to Ohio SACWIS and details what information is to be entered into SACWIS. Additionally, the rule states who may be granted access to Ohio SACWIS, and the responsibility of those with access to maintain confidentiality of the information within Ohio SACWIS.

Requirements were added for data entry into the residential treatment information system (RTIS) within Ohio SACWIS. Ohio START staff were also given permission to access Ohio SACWIS for the purpose of program implementation. The rule also prohibits employees or contractors from entering or viewing data when a conflict of interest exists. The rule also allows for a corrective action plan to be put in place if it is found that there has been a violation of the rule and the JFS 07078 "Code of Responsibility." Additionally, language allowing the Ombudsman office to be granted access to Ohio SACWIS was added to implement this program that was established by Substitute House Bill 4 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (HB 4), as signed on February 28, 2022, and effective May 30, 2022. Lastly the new title of this rule is **Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) Access**.

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 and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov)