

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

**DATE:** 07/02/2024  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** Teleconference and Room 7C, DCY  
246 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

**This meeting will be held by teleconference and in person. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please attend the meeting site location or call in at the date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D # which is 427 162 471#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to: [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov)**

Pursuant to sections 5153.166, 5153.16, 2151.421 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adoption, amendment, or rescission of the rule or rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:2-36-11, entitled Extending timeframes or waiving completion of assessment/investigation activities is being proposed for amendment, due to five-year rule review. This rule applies to a PCSA when assessment or investigation activities can be extended or waived. The rule was changed for all system references to Ohio's comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS) to align with the federally recognized case management information system to support child welfare program needs. Timeframes to complete the report disposition and arrive at a final case decision was changed from forty-five to sixty days throughout Chapter 5101:2-36 rules, therefore, the fifteen-day extension to complete an assessment/investigation was removed. Requirement to create and approve an extension for completion of the "Safety Assessment" by the fourth working day was removed. Requirement to create and approve an extension to obtain signatures from the custodial parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, or a responsible party for the JFS 1409 "Safety Plan for Children" was removed as this information is documented in the case record. Completion of the "Family Assessment" has been aligned with the assessment/investigation timeframes of sixty days.

Rule 5101:2-37-01, entitled PCSA requirements for completing the safety assessment is being proposed for amendment due to the impacts from the five-year rule review of Chapter 5101:2-36. The rule outlines the requirements for assessing safety of children and when to complete the "Safety Assessment". The rule was changed for all system references to Ohio's comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS) to align with the federally recognized case management information system to support child welfare program needs. The requirement to create and approve an extension for completion of the "Safety Assessment" by the fourth working day was removed.

Rule 5101:2-37-02, entitled PCSA requirements for completing the safety plan is being proposed for amendment due to the impacts from the five-year rule review of Chapter 5101:2-36. The rule outlines the requirements when a “Safety Plan for Children” is developed, implemented, and discontinued. The rule was amended to change all system references to Ohio's comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS) to align with the federally recognized case management information system to support child welfare program needs. The requirement to create and approve an extension to obtain signatures from the custodial parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, or a responsible party for the JFS 1409 "Safety Plan for Children" was removed as this information is documented in the case record.

Rule 5101:2-37-03, entitled PCSA requirements for completing the family assessment is being proposed for amendment due to the impacts from the five-year rule review of Chapter 5101:2-36. The rule sets forth timeframe requirements and when to complete a “Family Assessment”. The rule was amended to change all system references to Ohio's comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS) to align with the federally recognized case management information system to support child welfare program needs. Timeframes to complete the report disposition and arrive at a final case decision was changed from forty-five to sixty days throughout Chapter 5101:2-36 rules, therefore, completion of the "Family Assessment" has been aligned with the assessment/investigation timeframes of sixty days.

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).