



**Department of
Children & Youth**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

DATE: August 21, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Teleconference and Punderson Conference Room
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 536 413 323#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5101.191, 5101.192, 5101.193, and 5101.194 and in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the rescission and adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The Ohio Administrative Rules (OAC) rules included in this notice are being proposed for rescission and adoption as a result of the following legislative changes.

House Bill 33 (HB 33) of the 135th General Assembly required DCY rules in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) to be renumbered to 5180. For organizational reasons, as DCY opens rules, they are being rescinded and adopted under a new number. House Bill 96 (HB 96) of the 136th General Assembly, amends sections 5101.191, 5101.192, 5101.193, and 5101.194 of the Revised Code which affect the administration and eligibility of the Ohio Adoption Grant Program.

OAC rule 5180:2-44-15 entitled "Administration and eligibility for the Ohio adoption grant program", is being rescinded as a result of HB 33 of the 135th General Assembly and the transfer of rules to DCY.

OAC rule 5180:7-3-15 entitled "Administration and eligibility for the Ohio adoption grant program", is being adopted as a new rule in accordance with HB 33 of the 135th General Assembly and includes language changes in accordance with HB 96 of the 136th General Assembly. Paragraphs within the rule were restructured to question-and-answer format. Changes include the requirement that applicants reside in Ohio at the time of the adoption finalization, that any confidential document provided to DCY remains a confidential document, to include consequences for falsifying documents, to require that copies of any court document are certified, and to include that courts are also to provide any document requested by DCY related to the adoption. Rule maintains that the Ohio adoption grant is contingent on available state funds, as was added into section 5101.191 of the Revised Code through HB 96. Rule now includes that the applicant cannot currently claim an adoption state tax credit for the child they are seeking payment for, in accordance with 5101.192 of the Revised Code. DCY 01057 "Application for the Ohio Adoption Grant", removed from OAC rule 5180:7-3-15 and is obsolete as the application process is now online. DCY 01057-I "Instructions for Completing DCY 01057, Application for the Ohio Adoption Grant", removed from OAC rule 5180:7-3-15 and is obsolete as the application process is now online.

A copy of the proposed OAC rules 5180:2-44-15 and 5180:7-3-15 are available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The OAC rules 5180:2-44-15 and 5180:7-3-15 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 to the attention of DCY Rules Coordinator by mail to the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, Legal Division, PO Box 183204, Columbus, Ohio 43218, or by e-mail at rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.