

**Department of
Children & Youth****PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

DATE: November 20, 2025
TIME: 9:30am
LOCATION: Teleconference and Punderson Conference Room
35 E. Chestnut 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 333 720 794 #. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 3109.16 and 3109.172 and in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adopting and rescinding of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is changing Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules related to the Children's Trust Fund due to the enactment of House Bill 257 (HB 257) of the 135th General Assembly, House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly, and five year rule review. Changes include clarifications regarding appointments to regional prevention councils and the regional makeup of regional councils, and updates to procedures to allow meetings of regional councils to be conducted by video conferencing. Additionally, the rules are being rescinded and readopted under new numbers.

5180:5-1-01 "Regional prevention councils operation and regional prevention council member duties" provides requirements for calling and conducting regional prevention council meetings. Key changes to the new rule include the existing rule being rescinded and adopted under new number 5180:1-3-01, clarification that meetings are at the call of the chairperson and scheduled by the Regional Prevention Coordinator and statutorily required procedures being added that allow Regional Prevention Councils to hold meetings by video conference.

5180:5-1-02 "Regional council county selection process" outlines the process for establishing regions and their county makeup. Key changes include the existing rule being rescinded and adopted under new number 5180:1-3-02, changes to text in accordance with ORC 3109.171 stating that the OCTF Board, in consultation with DCY, is responsible for determining the county makeup of regions, and the establishment of criteria to be used when planning regions.

5180:5-1-03 "Boards of county commissioners appointing of regional prevention council members" outlines the process used by county commissioners when appointing prevention specialists to a regional prevention council. Modifications include the existing rule being rescinded and adopted under new number 5180:1-3-03, the addition of instructions for updating the information of appointed individuals that's to be sent to the OCTF, and clarification regarding the terms of members appointed to a regional prevention council by the county commissioners.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The 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 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.