

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Ohio Department of Health has proposed to adopt new rule 3701-8-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). This rule, which pertains to the Help Me Grow Program, establishes a system of payment for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities; also, it establishes a process to determine a family's inability to pay for early intervention (EI) services. This rule is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the Director, or his designee, will conduct a public hearing on the proposed action on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. The hearing will be conducted in the 4th Floor Training Room #2 of the Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

At the hearing, persons affected by the proposed action may appear and be heard in person, by their attorney or both; may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence tending to show that the proposed rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful. Persons intending to testify are encouraged to pre-register by writing Kaye Norton, Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health, P.O. Box 118, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0118, or by telephoning (614) 466-4882.

Copies of the proposed rules may be found on the Register of Ohio website: www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/jsps/PublicDisplayRules/searchrulenumbers.jsp; or they may be requested from Ms. Norton at the address or phone number listed above. Comments should be submitted to Ms. Norton at the above address or faxed to (614) 728-7813, on or before December 13, 2005.

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