

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

DATE: 07/02/2024
TIME: 10 am
LOCATION: Teleconference and Room 7C, DCY
246 N. High St., 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

Pursuant to sections 2151.421, 5153.16, 5153.166, 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 5101:2-36-06, entitled PCSA requirements for a deserted child/safe haven assessment/investigation is being proposed for amendment, due to five-year rule review. This rule sets forth the requirements that a PCSA is to follow when conducting an assessment/investigation of a report of a deserted child/safe haven child. This rule was updated to include the term safe haven child to the existing deserted child language and added "peace officer support employee" as an individual authorized to take possession of a deserted child. Changed 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 timeframe to complete the report disposition and arrive at a final case decision was changed from forty-five to sixty days.

Rule 5101:2-36-07, entitled PCSA requirement for conducting an assessment/investigation of the alleged withholding of medically indicated treatment from a disabled infant with life-threatening conditions is being proposed for amendment, due to five-year rule review. This rule outlines steps that a PCSA is to follow when conducting an assessment/investigation of a neglect report alleging the withholding of medically indicated treatment from a disabled infant with a life-threatening condition. Changed 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. Updated face-to-face contact timeframes to align throughout the rule. The timeframe to complete the report disposition and arrive at a final case decision was changed from forty-five to sixty days. Timeframes to notify alleged perpetrators, parents/guardians/custodians, and alleged child victim(s)/child subject of report(s) was changed from two to five days and clarified how alleged perpetrator notifications are to include the PCSA's appeal process.

Rule 5101:2-36-08, entitled PCSA requirements for involving a third party in the assessment/investigation of a child abuse or neglect report is being proposed for amendment, due to five-year rule review. This rule outlines potential conflicts of interest that may warrant a third-party request for assessment/investigation. Changed 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.

Rule 5101:2-36-10, entitled PCSA requirements for responding to family in need of services reports is being proposed for amendment, due to five-year rule review. This rule outlines the procedures when providing services to a child and family after receiving a family in need of services (FINS) report. The subcategory language was revised to align with practice and Ohio's CCWIS functionality. Changed 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.

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, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.