

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH (DCY)

DATE: August 22, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Teleconference and DCY 35E, Room 7B, 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 476 738 654#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to: rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to section 5101.141, 5101.11 and Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are being filed as part of the five-year rule review process.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 106.03, each state agency is required to review its rules a minimum of once every five years. The intent of the law is to ensure that rules are clearly written and that program requirements are accurate, up-to-date, and clearly expressed. To the extent possible, unnecessary paperwork will be eliminated, and local agencies will be given increased flexibility. The purpose of a rule review is to determine whether a rule should be continued without amendment, be amended, or be rescinded, taking into consideration each rule's scope and purpose.

OAC rule 5101:2-49-01 entitled "**Administration of the Adoption Assistance (AA) Program**" outlines the AA administrative requirements for public children services agencies (PCSA). New language added to the rule in paragraph (B) due to revisions on the JFS 01451 "Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Application" to align with the adoption form JFS 01667 "Adoption Information Disclosure." New language added to the rule in paragraph (F)(2)(c) to include a copy of the JFS 01666 "Permanent Surrender of Child" being provided by the PCPA. Minor grammatical and spelling errors were corrected throughout the rule.

OAC rule 5101:2-49-17 entitled "**Case Record Requirements for Title IV-E Adoption Assistance (AA)**" outlines the case record requirements. Inclusion of adoption forms JFS 01667 "Adoption Information Disclosure" and JFS 01699 "Prefinalization Adoption Assessment Report" added to paragraph (B) to ensure notification of AA to adoptive parents. Minor grammatical and spelling errors were corrected throughout the rule.

OAC rule 5101:2-49-21 entitled "**Reimbursement of Title IV-E Nonrecurring Adoption Expenses for a child with Special Needs**" outlines the requirements for eligibility for nonrecurring adoption expenses and the reimbursement of the nonrecurring adoption expenses. New Language was added to paragraph (C) to include the Nonrecurring

Adoption Expenses reimbursement increase from one thousand to two thousand dollars. Minor grammatical and spelling errors were corrected throughout the rule.

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.