

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Division of Family and Children's Services

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the  
Promulgation of the Proposed Rule:  
Mississippi Code 43-15-6; 43-15-13 (2)  
(3)(6)(12); 93-17-67; U.S. PL 93-647; 95-608  
93-638; 103-382; 104-188

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or  
suspended by the Proposed Rule: Amending  
the Division of Family and Children's Services  
Volume IV Policy Manual

**Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:** 1.) Foster, relative (kin), and adoptive homes changed to "Resource Families"; 2.) Amended separate applications for foster and adoptive applicants to one "single" application with same requirements for both; 3.) Added Indian Child Welfare Act policy to this section of policy; 4.) Expanded Multi-Ethnic Placement Act policy; 5.) Expanded recruitment policy to include MEPA requirements; 6.) Revise titles for Resource Family staff; 7.) Revise policy on inquiries for resource families; 8.) Amend policy on resource training; 9.) Revised requirements for resource families; 10.) Amended policy on in-service training hours needed and length of licensing period; 11.) Amended policy on special needs children; 12.) Established new policy for teen parents and pregnant teens; 13.) Amended policy on recertification of resource homes; 14.) Expanded policy on reports of abuse or neglect involving resource homes; 15.) Expanded policy on eligibility for adoption subsidy; 16.) Revised policy on termination of adoption subsidy; 17.) Created policy on disaster preparedness and emergency policy for resource families.

Final Rule, and/or a  Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

**Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.**

**Oral Proceeding:** Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: October 15, 2007 Time: 11:00 A.M.  
Place: Mississippi Department of Human Services, 750 N. State St., Jackson, MS 39205

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least 5 day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

**Economic Impact Statement:** Check one box below:

The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached

**Date Rule Proposed:** September 27, 2007

**Proposed Effective Date of Rule:** November 30, 2007

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**Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing**

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