

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Protective Services Division (PSD) of the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) will hold a public hearing in Santa Fe on Wednesday December 4th, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the PERA Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM Room #227, to take comments regarding the proposed changes to 8.26.4 NMAC—Licensing Requirements for Foster and Adoptive Homes.

Proposed changes are to establish federal licensing standards for applicants who wish to become foster care providers for children in PSD custody. Proposed changes will allow PSD to become in compliance with federal guidelines regarding licensing foster care providers.

A free electronic copy of the proposed changes can be found at <https://cyfd.org/for-providers/rfp>. A hard copy of the proposed changes may be reviewed between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the PSD Director's office, Room 254, in the PERA building in Santa Fe.

Written comments can be provided in person at the public hearing or via e-mail to Serra Dittel-Payne at serra.dittel-payne@state.nm.us or by mail to CYFD, Serra Dittel-Payne, Protective Services Division, PO Drawer 5160, Santa Fe, NM 87502. All written comments must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019. Written comments provided carry the same weight as comments received during the public hearings.

Subsection D of Section 9-2A-7 NMSA 1978 states "The secretary may make and adopt such reasonable and procedural rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the department and its divisions" which provides the authority authorizing the proposed rule and the adoption of the proposed rule.

The PERA building is accessible to people with disabilities. Documents can be available in different formats to accommodate a particular disability upon request by calling 505-827-8400. If assistance is required to attend the hearing, please call 505-827-8400 to arrange accommodation.