

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Protective Services Division (PSD) of the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) will hold a public hearing via zoom link on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to take comments regarding the proposed new policy 8.10.5 NMAC Comprehensive Addictions and Recovery Act (CARA) Guidelines.

The purpose of the new proposed rules is to be in compliance with Section 32A-3A-13 NMSA 1978 and 32A-1-4 NMSA 1978. The new proposed rules provide guidance on the CYFD/DOH CARA program in accordance with these Statutes.

A free electronic copy of the proposed changes can be found at <https://cyfd.org/for-providers/rfp>. Due to COVID, physical copies will not be distributed or offered.

Zoom link for the public hearing is available upon request. All requests must be sent to Serra Dittel-Payne, PSD Policy and Procedure Coordinator at [Serra.Dittel-Payne@state.nm.us](mailto:Serra.Dittel-Payne@state.nm.us) or call 505-412-9597.

Written comments can be provided at the virtual public hearing or via e-mail to Serra Dittel at [serra.dittel-payne@state.nm.us](mailto:serra.dittel-payne@state.nm.us). All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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.