

### 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 Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the PERA Building located at 1120 Paseo de Peralta, on the second floor in the large conference room 227, to take comments regarding revisions to the following policies: **8.10.2 NMAC - Protective Services Intake**, **8.10.8 NMAC - Permanency Planning**, and **8.26.2 NMAC - Placement Services**.

The revision requested is to create definitions for Foster Care Incident Reports. The proposed definition is: "Incidents in foster care can refer to a broad spectrum of events, which may include but is not limited to, reports of:

1. alleged policy or procedures violations by foster parents, including foster parent failure to comply with case plan
2. alleged violations of the New Mexico foster child and youth bill of rights or the New Mexico foster youth document of responsibilities;
3. illness or accidental injury of foster child;
4. foster parent reporting concerns related to parent-child or sibling visitation; or
5. foster child running away."

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. Written comments are provided the same weight as comments received during the public hearings. Written comments can be provided in person at the public hearing or via e-mail to Cynthia Chavers, [cynthia.chavers@state.nm.us](mailto:cynthia.chavers@state.nm.us) or by mail to: CYFD, Cynthia Chavers, Protective Services Division, PO Drawer 5160, Santa Fe, NM 87502. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, January 4, 2019.

The policy may also be reviewed between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Director's office, Room 254, in the PERA building in Santa Fe. Copies of the report may be purchased (for the cost of copying); contact Cynthia Chavers, Federal Reporting Bureau Chief, at 505-467-9274.