

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 9-28-103, the Director, Division of Children and Family Services issues proposed changes to Policy and Publications to implement the new Guardianship Assistance Program per A.C.A. § 9-8-201 et seq., update policy regarding mental health services, and revise forms to comply with Act 591 passed during 88th General Assembly, Regular Session. These include:

- New policy outlining the Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP).
- Updated policy regarding case reviews to include information related to GAP.
- New policy regarding mental health services to children in foster care that better aligns policy with best practice and includes more information on specific types of treatment.
- Revised forms for relative and fictive kin notifications per Act 591.

The proposed changes are available for review at the Division of Children and Family Services, Policy Unit, 5th floor Donaghey Plaza South, 7th and Main Streets, Little Rock, AR. 72203-1437. All comments must be submitted in writing to the Policy Unit no later than September 14, 2011. All the proposed changes may be viewed in their entirety at

<https://ardhs.sharepointsite.net/CW/Notice%20of%20Rule%20Making/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

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