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NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: A.C.A. §§ 9-28-103 and 12-18-105.

Effective May 1, 2022:

The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) amends the Division of Children & Family Services Policy & Procedure Manual. DCFS amends section XIII-B concerning extended foster care to align with Acts 316 and 791 of the 93rd General Assembly. DCFS updates the eligibility requirements for extended foster care. DCFS clarifies that a six-month review hearing is not required for a juvenile who is over eighteen years of age and has elected to remain in extended foster care or return to extended foster care. DCFS also adds detailed practice guidance for the Transitional Youth Services Sponsor program.

DCFS revises section VII-C, After Care Services and Support, to clarify eligibility requirements for after care services. Also, DCFS adds rules regarding after care eligibility for youth who initially participate in the Extended Foster Care program but then choose to leave the program before the age of twenty-one. Lastly, DCFS makes technical corrections throughout the amended sections.

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download the proposed rule at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/do-business-with-dhs/proposed-rules/>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov. All public comments must be received by DHS no later than **March 12, 2022**. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

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