



## Children Services 1/20/2026

### **5180:2-9-40**

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is currently undertaking a five-year review of one residential facility rule, in accordance with Ohio law.

This rule establishes standards for private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camps, outlining definitions, operational requirements, and safety measures for both base and mobile camps. It sets forth requirements to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of children in these therapeutic environments, including provisions for sanitation, food preparation, housing, and supervision. It emphasizes that wilderness camps must maintain adequate facilities and practices to meet the basic needs of residents while providing therapeutic programming in outdoor settings.

If you would like to review the existing rule and offer feedback and suggestions, please complete this [form](#) by **February 2, 2026**.

### **5 Year Rule Review: 5180:2-38-05.1, 5180:2-38-09, 5180:2-38-10 and 5180:2-39-01**

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is currently undertaking a five-year review of three case planning and review rules and one removal rule, in accordance with Ohio law.

These rules establish the framework for how public children services agencies (PCSAs) manage case planning, reviews, and child removals. Rule 5180:2-38-05.1 requires PCSAs to create and review family case plans when a child is placed in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), ensuring that a family and permanency team guides decisions about the child's care. Rule 5180:2-38-09 mandates that PCSAs conduct case reviews of family case plans, providing regular oversight and accountability for the child's placement and services. Rule 5180:2-38-10 requires semiannual administrative reviews (every 180 days) of family case plans, using a standardized form to evaluate progress and compliance with court orders. Finally, Rule 5180:2-39-01 governs the removal of a child from their home, directing PCSAs or private child placing agencies (PCPAs) to pursue removal only when voluntary safety planning cannot ensure the child's safety.

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### **5 Year Rule Review: 5180:2-42-12**

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is currently undertaking a five-year review of one substitute care rule, in accordance with Ohio law.

This rule outlines the process for assessing whether a child should be placed in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP). It requires that a qualified individual conduct the assessment. The assessment ensures that placement decisions are based on the child's strengths and needs rather than institutional convenience, and it emphasizes the importance of family involvement and individualized care planning. The rule safeguards against unnecessary or inappropriate residential placements, promoting the least restrictive and most supportive environment for children in Ohio's child welfare system.

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**5 Year Rule Review: 5180:2-45-01, 5180:2-45-02, 5180:2-45-03 and 5180:2-45-04**

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is currently undertaking a five-year review of four Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Program rules, in accordance with Ohio law.

These rules collectively set the standards for the Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) program, focusing on eligibility, agency responsibilities, and compliance requirements. This program is designed to keep children safe with their families whenever possible by offering evidence-based services such as mental health treatment, substance use disorder services, and in-home parenting support. Agencies are required to assess family needs, document eligibility, and ensure services meet federal standards under Title IV-E. The program prioritizes voluntary engagement, aiming to stabilize families before removal becomes necessary, and incorporates family involvement in decision-making.

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