TITLE 465 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Department of Child Services intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Adopts a new rule, 465 IAC 2-14, concerning independent living transitional services plans. Defines eligible persons as including an individual who is between 16 and 21 years of age and who has been or will become emancipated while receiving foster care under supervision of the Department or a county probation department. Also includes any individual who is or will become 18 years of age while receiving foster care, or who is between 18 and 21 years of age and receiving older youth foster care under IC 31-28-5.7. Specifies referral procedures and life skills assessment requirements. Provides a procedure for development of a detailed personalized transitional plan for independent living, jointly by the youth and Department staff, with the assistance of other appropriate individuals identified and requested by the youth. Provides that the plan will include details concerning specific options appropriate for the individual that include education and training, work force supports and employment services, housing, health care including health insurance, problem solving skills development, opportunities for continuing support services including availability of mentors, and availability of financial assistance from governmental or nongovernmental sources. Provides for determination of a transitional living placement for youth in foster care at 17 years of age or older who are eligible to receive independent living services through the Department and for whom a transitional services plan is required. Specifies that the Department will develop and issue program services standards for voluntary independent living case management services to be provided by contracted service providers approved by the Department. Comments and guestions concerning this notice should be submitted in writing and directed to the attention of the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule. Statutory authority: IC 31-25-2-18; IC 31-25-2-21.

For purposes of <u>IC 4-22-2-28.1</u>, the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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