TITLE 465 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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

OVERVIEW: Adopts a new rule, <u>465 IAC 2-15</u>, concerning older youth foster care. Establishes eligibility requirements and conditions for consideration by the Department of an application for assistance under the older youth foster care program by an individual who was receiving foster care under a court order in the month before the individual's eighteenth birthday, and who is between 18 and 21 years of age. Specifies requirements relating to the individual's employment or educational program as eligibility conditions. Excludes individuals receiving funding through the Department under the Chafee Independent Living Program (42 U.S.C. Section 677) for room and board services, voluntary independent living services, or housing through the education and training voucher program. Provides procedures for application to the Department for participation in the program, determination of eligibility, and preparation and filing of a petition in the appropriate court for receipt of foster care services. Provides for payments to be made and services provided to or on behalf of an individual approved by the court for older youth foster care. Authorizes the Department to establish guidelines and rules for the approved individual's continuing participation in the program and develop a standard form of agreement to be signed between the Department and the approved individual. Specifies the procedure for monitoring compliance with program requirements, agreements between the Department and participants, and continuing eligibility of individuals receiving older youth foster care services. Specifies grounds and procedures for termination of an individual from participation in the program. Comments and questions concerning this notice should be submitted in writing and directed to the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule. Statutory authority: IC 31-25-2-18; IC 31-28-<u>5.7-2</u>

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

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