



**Georgia Department of Human Services**  
Office of General Counsel

# **DHS Rule Changes**

Office of General Counsel

**Pamela Carr Cosby**  
Deputy General Counsel

# stronger families

FOR A STRONGER GEORGIA



# Road Map

- Review of Rule Change Procedures
- Review of Proposed Rule Changes
- Public Comment Period
- Final Approval of Rule Amendments – Child-Placing Agencies
- Request to Board



# Rule Change Procedure

1. Board Considers Motion to Publish Proposed Rule
2. 30-Day Public Comment Period
3. Public Hearing
4. Motion for Final Adoption of Proposed Rule
5. Send Final Rule to Secretary of State



# Final – Child-Placing Agency Rules

Rule changes needed to eliminate the need for providers to request waivers of certain regulatory requirements and to make certain regulatory requirements less burdensome for providers

## Current Rule:

- 290-9-2-.01 Definitions
- 290-9-2-.04 Criminal History Background Checks, Agency Personnel
- 290-9-2-.07 Foster Care Services

## Proposed Change:

- Clarifies foster home capacity
- Updates minimum qualifications for casework supervisor
- Adds new rule that outlines exceptions to foster home capacity



# Final – Child-Placing Agency Rules

Rule changes needed to eliminate the need for providers to request waivers of certain regulatory requirements and to make certain regulatory requirements less burdensome for providers

## Public Comment Period

- Rules Published for Public Comment  
December 5 – January 4
- Public Hearing Held  
January 4

One comment received related to Rule 290-9-2-.04 and minimum qualifications for casework supervisor



# Request to Board

## Motion for Final Adoption

Rules and Regulations for Child-Placing Agencies  
Rules 290-2-9-.01, .04, .07



# QUESTIONS

**Pamela Carr Cosby**

Deputy General Counsel

[pamela.carrcosby@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:pamela.carrcosby@dhs.ga.gov)

404-803-5003

