

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Division of Family and Children's Services

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**Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule:** Miss. Code, Section 11-46-8; Miss. Code, Section 43-15-13; Miss. Code, Section 43-21-151; Miss. Code, Section 43-23; Miss. Code, Section 63-1-25

**Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule :** Amending the DFCS Policy Manual

**Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:** 1) Added a Mission Statement to the Independent Living Program policy; 2) Changed eligibility requirements and expanded targeted ages 14 up to the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday; 3) Included services to Choctaw; 4) Increased monetary amounts of stipends; 5) Added some new stipend, eligibility requirements and monetary amounts; 6) Deleted some duties of the Youth; 7) Added the duties of the Area Social Work Supervisor; 8) Added Driver's License and Motor Vehicle requirements; 9) Added Transitional Living; 10) Added Aftercare services; and 11) Added ETV approval process, definition of "cost of living" and "institution of higher education", under ETV.

This rule is proposed as a  Final Rule, and/or a  Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

**Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.**

**Oral Proceeding:** Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: March 8, 2006 Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Place: 750 N. State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Family & Children's Services Conference Room, Jackson, MS

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least 5 day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

**Economic Impact Statement:** Check one box below:

The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

**Proposed Effective Date of Rule:** April 1, 2006

**Date Rule Proposed:** February 15, 2006

**Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing**  
Rita C. Graham, Social Worker Advanced/ Policy Lead

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