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**ODJFS to gather input on child support guidelines at Hamilton County forum**

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is hosting a public forum in Cincinnati to gather input on the guidelines used by county child support enforcement agencies and the judicial system to determine child support payments. The forums will be conducted at the Taft Building, 237 William Howard Taft Road, August 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Every four years, the department is required to review these guidelines to determine if any additions, deletions or clarifications are needed. The department will incorporate the input from the forums and website into the final recommendations to be presented to the General Assembly in March 2009.

“Input from those we serve is a valuable part of the evaluation process,” said Helen Jones-Kelley, ODJFS Director. “We need to hear from those directly impacted by these guidelines so we can determine if any changes should be recommended.”

ODJFS is conducting ten public forums across the state in July and August to gather feedback about the effectiveness or shortcomings of the guidelines. Comments will also be accepted through the Internet at [www.jfs.ohio.gov/csguidelines](http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/csguidelines).

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