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Public can provide input on child support guidelines through forums and Web site

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is preparing for the mandatory review of the guidelines used by county child support enforcement agencies and the judicial system to determine child support payments by providing several methods for public input. ODJFS will conduct public forums in several locations across the state designed to gather comments about the effectiveness or shortcomings of the guidelines. Remarks will also be accepted through the Internet at <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/csguidelines/>

“In order to ensure our services are meeting the needs of those served by Ohio’s child support program, it is vital that we hear from those impacted firsthand,” said Helen Jones-Kelley, ODJFS Director. “We need feedback from all parties effected by these guidelines to help us determine if any changes should be recommended.”

The Ohio Revised Code requires the department to review these guidelines every four years to determine if any additions, deletions or clarifications are needed. The department will incorporate the input from the forums and Web site into the final recommendations to be presented to the General Assembly in March 2009.

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Editor’s Note: A list of the forums is attached

2009 Ohio Child Support Guidelines Advisory Council Public Forums

Date	Day	Time	Place
July 30	Wednesday	11am-1pm	Lucas County Commissioners Chambers 1 Government Center, 1 st Floor Toledo, OH
July 30	Wednesday	5pm-7pm	Central Services Building 220 W. Livingston St. Conference Room B195 Celina, OH 45822
August 5	Tuesday	11am-1pm	Visiting Nurses Association 2500 E 22 nd St. Cleveland, OH
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August 18	Monday	11am-1pm	Taft Building 237 William Howard Taft Rd. Cincinnati, OH
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August 22	Friday	11am-1pm	Scioto County CSEA 710 Court St. Portsmouth, OH
August 22	Friday	5pm-7pm	ODJFS- PAAR Facility 88 North Plains Rd. The Plains, OH