

RICHLAND COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS	EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2012	REVISION DATE:	REVIEW DATE:
PREPARED BY: RCCS Board Attorney	APPROVED BY: RCCS Board		

I. POLICY STATEMENT:

The Board of Directors of Richland County Children Services (the "Board") holds its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code §121.22, these meetings are open to the public, and the Board has established, by rule, a reasonable method whereby any person may determine the time and place of all regularly scheduled meetings.

II. IMPLEMENTATION:

As provided by Ohio Revised Code §121.22, members of the public have the right to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board (with the exception of any portion of such meetings conducted in executive session), but do not have the right to speak to or otherwise address the Board at such meetings. The purpose of this policy is to establish the protocol to be followed when a member of the public desires to address the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. This protocol is as follows:

1. Any member of the public who desires to address the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting shall notify the Board in writing, no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the commencement of the meeting, that he or she requests to be placed on the agenda for the meeting. This notification shall identify the requester and state the purpose of the request by describing the subject matter he or she intends to discuss at the meeting. The written notice should be addressed to the Board as follows:

Richland County Children Services
731 Scholl Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Attn: RCCS Board Agenda

2. If the member of the public who desires to address the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting has made a proper request to do so as required by

paragraph 1 above, the subject he or she wishes to discuss at the meeting shall be placed on the agenda for it. Provided, however, that in light of time considerations, the number of persons who will be permitted to address the Board at each regular meeting shall be limited to five (5).

3. Any member of the public who has made a request pursuant to paragraph 1 above and has been placed on the Board meeting agenda shall be allotted a maximum of five minutes in order to address the Board during the meeting.
4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Policy shall limit the Board, by a majority vote of its members present, from allowing or extending the time for any member of the public to address the Board as it deems appropriate.