

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers
From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Topic: **Rule Advisory Committee (RAC) Overview**

The APD Adult Foster Home program uses rule advisory committees (RACs) when developing or amending Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). RACs offer excellent opportunities for the public and other interested parties to provide input and suggestions during the development of new rules, amendment or repeal of existing rules, and when discussing the fiscal impact associated with proposed rulemaking. This alert is to serve as an overview and guide on how to participate in a RAC.

Purpose: RACs are used when developing program rules to provide an opportunity for input by parties who will be affected by new and changing rules. RACs are used as an advisory tool and provide licensees and other interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the impact of proposed rules.

Process: When the Department proposes to add, repeal, or amend an administrative rule, ODHS issues a notice establishing a date to hold a RAC. This notice is sent out to parties that will be affected by the change and serves as an invitation to offer input. Parties can submit written input before the RAC or join the RAC on its proposed date. A RAC may be held by email, teleconference, or in person. Once a RAC has been held, ODHS reviews submitted suggestions and takes them into consideration for finalized rule submissions.

Get Involved: You may sign up to receive notices of ODHS RACs information by clicking [here](#) and entering your current email address. You

may also visit the APD website for more info and find additional contact information by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the AFH policy team at APD.AFHTeam@dhsoha.state.or.us