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APD to hold Workshops

TALLAHASSEE — The Agency for Person with Disabilities (APD) wants to hear from the public during four rule workshops being held around the state in May. A proposal filed by representatives of children in community-based care (foster care) will be reviewed during the rulemaking public hearings in Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Orlando, and Tallahassee. The primary change in the proposed rule is moving children in foster care to the top of the crisis priority, rather than being second in priority as it is today.

Citizen input is welcome during these meetings. The schedule is as follows:

- **Ft Lauderdale**
May 12, 6 – 8 p.m.
APD Conference Room
201 West Broward Blvd.
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301
ADA Contact: Ft. Lauderdale Area Office (954) 467-4218
- **Tampa**
May 19, 6 – 8 p.m.
University Area Community Center, 14013 North 22nd Street
Tampa, Florida 33613
ADA Contact: Tampa Area Office (813) 233-4300
- **Orlando**
May 20, 6 – 8 p.m.
Hurston Building South Tower
Conference Rooms A & B
400 West Robinson Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
ADA Contact: Orlando Area Office (407) 245-0440
- **Tallahassee**
May 26, 6 – 8 p.m.
APD Central Office
4030 Esplanade Way, Room 301
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
ADA Contact: APD Central Office 1(866) APD-Cares

The text of the proposed rule change and workshop agenda is posted on the APD Web site—APDCares.org.

If you are unable to attend a workshop, you have until **May 28** to submit comments. You may send them to: **Terri McGarrity**, APD Community Relations, 4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

The agency annually serves about 35,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities of mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Prader-Willi syndrome. For more information on the agency, call 1-866-APD-CARES or visit www.APDCares.org.

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