

**TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
CHILDREN SERVICES POLICY**

**HUNTING, HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE, AND THE OWNING AND USE OF
FIREARMS OR WEAPONS**

POLICY

Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services will pay the costs of a hunter's safety course for children in the custody of the agency. Children in the custody of the agency will not be permitted to hunt or otherwise use weapons, with the exception of children specifically approved in writing by the Director as noted below.

PROCEDURE

1. Any child in the custody of the agency who is at least 12 years of age may take a hunter's safety course. The agency will pay the cost of the same if requested to do so. For children in the temporary custody of the agency, the written consent of the parent or parents shall be required unless not practical. Any waiver of this requirement must be approved by the Director.
2. Any case manager who believes that a child in the temporary custody of the agency over the age of 12 should be granted the ability to hunt and otherwise use weapons or firearms may request that permission from the Director. A statement signed by both the worker and their supervisor that supports said request shall be forwarded to the Director's office. The decision to grant or deny this request will be made based upon the age, maturity, experience, and behavior of the child, along with any other factor the Director deems relevant.
3. In order to approve a request to allow a child in the temporary custody of the agency to hunt or otherwise use weapons or firearms, the following two additional requirements will apply:
 - a. The child must have completed a hunter's safety course within six months preceding the request for permission; and
 - b. The child's parent or parents must provide written consent to their child to be granted this privilege. If the consent of a parent is impossible or impractical, the Director may consider the request absent such consent, dependent upon the circumstances.
4. Any approval to allow a child in the custody of the agency to hunt or use weapons or firearms may be withdrawn at any time for any reason.
5. Any child granted permission to hunt or use weapons or firearms must be accompanied by an appropriate adult approved by the agency at all times while engaged in that activity.



David Haverfield, Director



Effective Date