

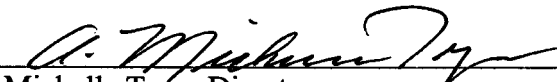
**TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
CHILDREN SERVICES POLICY**

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

POLICY

No agency, foster caregiver, residential facility, or any employee of an agency or residential facility shall, in any way, violate any of the following rights of children:

1. The right to enjoy freedom of thought, conscience, and religion.
2. The right to reasonable enjoyment of privacy.
3. The right to have his or her opinions heard and to be included, to the greatest extent possible, when any decisions are being made affecting his or her life.
4. The right to receive appropriate and reasonable adult guidance, support, and supervision.
5. The right to be free from physical abuse and inhumane treatment.
6. The right to be free from physical, mental, and emotional neglect.
7. The right to be protected from all forms of sexual exploitation.
8. The right to receive adequate and appropriate medical care.
9. The right to receive adequate and appropriate food, clothing, and housing.
10. The right to his/her own money and personal property in accordance with the child's service or case plan.
11. The right to live in clean, safe surroundings.
12. The right to participate in an appropriate educational program.
13. The right to communicate with family, friends, and "significant others" from whom he/she is living apart, in accordance with the child's service or case plan.
14. The right to be taught to fulfill appropriate responsibilities to himself/herself and to others.
15. The right to know and understand important information.
16. The right to receive services without discrimination.
17. The right to receive services in the least restrictive setting.
18. The right to be treated with consideration and respect.


Michelle Tope, Director


Effective Date