

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

OVERNIGHT STAYS FOR CHILDREN IN CUSTODY

POLICY

Children in custody may stay overnight for up to three nights with friends when permitted by the child's foster caregiver.

PROCEDURE

1. Foster parents must document all over-night visits on their monthly reports.
2. Any time a child travels outside the county where their foster care placement is located with anyone other than their foster caregiver, the agency must authorize this travel in advance. Additionally, the agency case manager for the child in custody shall obtain a copy of the driver's license and insurance for the person driving and conduct a public records check, including available online court records and the eSORN Website.
3. The decision to allow the child to spend an overnight with his/her friend will be made solely by the foster parent unless the record's check discloses any reason which leads the agency to deny the reported over-night visit.


Michelle Tope, Director


Effective Date