

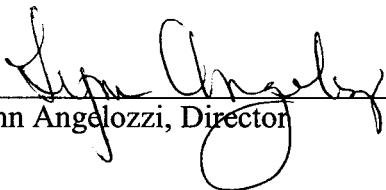
**TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN IN CUSTODY**

POLICY

If a child in custody is identified as an alleged perpetrator, he/she may not be interviewed by agency staff or law enforcement without legal representation.

PROCEDURE

1. The child's caseworker contacts the attorney appointed to represent the child during the custody proceedings. (This is the child's attorney, not his/her Guardian ad Litem.)
 - a. Arrangements are made through the attorney for permission to interview the child.
2. If no attorney was appointed, the child's caseworker refers the issue to the TCJFS Legal Unit.
 - a. The Legal Unit makes a request to the Tuscarawas County Juvenile Court for appointment of counsel for the child.
 - b. When the agency is notified that an attorney has been appointed, arrangements are made through the attorney to interview the child, if consent is obtained.
3. In the absence of consent by the attorney for the child to conduct an interview, agency personnel and/or law enforcement **may not** interview the child regarding issues related to the investigation that identifies him/her as an alleged perpetrator.



Lynn Angelozzi, Director

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