

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

**DRIVER'S TRAINING, DRIVER'S LICENSE, OPERATING, AND OWNING
VEHICLES FOR CHILDREN/ADULTS IN AGENCY CUSTODY**

POLICY

The Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services will pay for children in custody to receive driver's education.

PROCEDURE

Children in custody are permitted to obtain a driver's license with written permission signed by both the agency Director and the child's foster caregiver.

The child's foster caregiver must sign any necessary paperwork required by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when the child obtains his driver's license.

The child's current foster caregiver is required to cover the child with liability insurance as a driver.

Children in custody may purchase a vehicle with written permission signed by both the agency director and the child's foster caregiver.

The child's driving privileges can be suspended at any time by either the foster caregiver or the agency.

A copy of the child's driver's license and related insurance must be maintained in the child's case record.

The following conditions apply to children in agency custody while operating a vehicle:

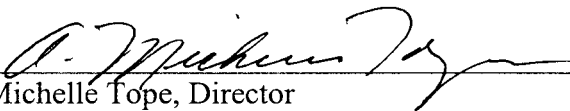
1. A minor with a driver's license who is not yet seventeen (17) years cannot drive between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. unless he/she is with a parent, guardian, or custodian who holds a current valid driver's license issued by the state of Ohio or unless the minor is traveling to/from work with written documentation from an employer.
2. A minor with a driver's license who is at least seventeen (17) but not yet eighteen (18) years of age cannot drive between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless he/she is with a parent, guardian, or custodian who holds a current valid driver's license issued by the state of Ohio or unless the minor is traveling to/from work with written documentation from an employer.
3. Probationary license holders who are less than seventeen (17) years of age cannot drive with more than one person who is not a family member unless accompanied by the license holder's parent, guardian, or custodian. "Family member" means: spouse, child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, parent-in-law, aunt, uncle, sibling (whole, half, adopted, or in-law), any other "eligible adult," i.e., a driving instructor, a guardian or

custodian of the minor with a valid Ohio driver's license, a person at least twenty-one (21) years of age acting in loco parentis of the minor.

4. If a minor has a driver's license and commits a moving violation during the six-month period after a license is issued and prior to turning seventeen (17), then the minor must be accompanied by his parent, guardian, or custodian for a period of six months or until seventeen (17) years of age when operating a motor vehicle.

For children in the custody of the agency who are eighteen (18) years of age, the following rules apply:

1. Any person over the age of eighteen (18) who remains in the custody of the agency must maintain liability insurance in order to drive. If they are unable to remain on the foster parent's insurance, they must obtain their own insurance and provide a copy of the same to the agency.
2. In the event of any accident, the adult in the custody of the agency is liable for any insurance deductible and any damages for which they may be held liable.
3. The unwillingness of any adult in the custody of the agency to adhere to the rules set forth above may result in the agency terminating custody.


Michelle Tope, Director


Effective Date