

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

**REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF CRITICAL EVENTS
INVOLVING CHILDREN IN CUSTODY**

POLICY

- A. Foster caregivers shall notify Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services within one hour of a foster child's involvement in a critical event.

NOTE: This one hour notification supercedes Ohio Administrative Code that states the agency must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours.

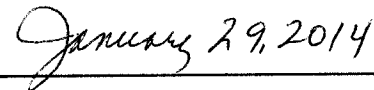
- B. The assigned Children Services Worker or Supervisor/Designee shall notify the Director when critical event information is received about a child in custody.

<u>Examples of critical events are</u>	<u>Time frame for Notifying the Director</u>
Suspected physical or sexual abuse	Immediately
The death of a child in custody	Immediately
A life threatening injury or illness of a child in custody	Immediately
The unauthorized absence of a child in custody from his placement	By 8 a.m. the next working day.
The involvement of a child in custody with law enforcement	By 8 a.m. the next working day.
The removal or attempts at removal of a child in custody from his placement by an unauthorized person.	By 8 a.m. the next working day.

- D. Any time a child will be removed from their current placement setting after receipt of any of the above information, that decision should be staffed with all Children Services Supervisors and Legal Counsel as appropriate and practical.



Michelle Tope, Director



Effective Date