

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTIVE HOMES TO RESUME FOSTERING

POLICY

Adoptive families are not used for foster placements after the signing of adoption papers until such time as adoptive parents advise the agency that they are prepared to resume fostering and the Placement Services assesses their family situation.

PROCEDURE

1. Upon signing adoption papers, agency foster homes are placed on hold. No new children will be placed as foster children until the family notifies the agency that they are prepared to resume fostering. Agency staff may also contact the family and inquire regarding their willingness and ability to resume providing foster care. Upon being advised that the family wishes to resume fostering, the Placement Services staff conducts an assessment to determine whether new placements may be made.
2. The assessment evaluates each family member's adjustment to the adoption, willingness, and ability to resume fostering.
3. The adoption worker records this assessment, its results, and recommendations in the adoptive family record and in the foster family record. These results are shared with the adoptive family.
4. Assessments are repeated at six-month intervals or upon request for adoptive families willing to resume fostering but requiring additional time and/or supportive services to address adjustment issues.
5. The final decision regarding placement of any child rests with Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services. Nothing contained in this policy shall create any right to any particular placement regardless of the results of any assessment done with a particular family.



Michelle Tope, Director



Effective Date