

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

THIRD PARTY INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING A FOSTER PARENT

POLICY


Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services considers investigations of child abuse/neglect involving a foster child living in a foster home, where the foster caregiver or the foster caregiver's child is the alleged perpetrator, as an out-of-home care third party investigation.

The agency follows procedures established in the Tuscarawas County Child Abuse and Neglect Memorandum of Understanding, 5101:2-36-04 and 5101:2-36-08, and applicable investigative rules.


Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services' foster care worker is included in the third party investigation of agency-licensed foster homes.

PROCEDURE TO INCLUDE TCJFS FOSTER CARE WORKER

1. The record of the investigation is maintained in the State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).
2. The investigative interview is conducted by an initial protective worker and a law enforcement officer. The foster care worker may be present during the interview when the foster parent is the alleged perpetrator.
3. The cross-referral letter and other documentation are maintained in the case file.



David Haverfield, Director



Effective Date