

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

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES

POLICY

Homeowner's/Renter's Insurance

Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services requires prospective foster caregivers and prospective adoptive families to carry homeowner's or renter's insurance, whichever is applicable.

The policy must be in effect prior to the home's initial certification/licensure.

Those homes already certified/licensed and not having homeowner's or renter's insurance on the effective date of this policy will be required to secure the appropriate insurance before their next recertification or license renewal date.

A copy of the homeowner's or renter's insurance policy will be made available to the Foster Care or Adoption Worker during the certification/recertification or licensure/renewal process and filed in the caregiver's case file.

First Aid Training

The agency requires prospective foster caregivers and prospective adoptive parents to successfully complete a First Aid class prior to becoming certified/licensed.

TCJFS will make provision to schedule First Aid training in conjunction with the pre-service training.

A copy of the foster/adoptive parent's training certificate will be kept in the caregiver's case file.

CPR Training

Prospective foster caregivers and prospective adoptive parents must successfully complete a CPR class prior to becoming certified/licensed.

TCJFS will make provision to schedule CPR training in conjunction with the pre-service training.

A copy of the foster/adoptive parent's training certificate will be kept in the caregiver's case file.

Background Search

In accordance with the Adam Walsh Act, TCJFS will search for child abuse and neglect history through the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) for each foster care applicant, each adoptive applicant, and all other adult members of the applicant's household. The SACWIS search results must be obtained prior to foster certification and/or prior to adoption approval.

Medical Exams—Including A TB Skin Test

Each prospective foster caregiver and prospective adoptive parent must have a medical examination completed, to include a TB Skin Test, prior to becoming certified/licensed.

Foster/adoptive parents who are already certified/licensed must have an updated medical examination, to include a TB Skin Test, by their next recertification/licensure date.

An updated medical examination must be completed for each foster/adoptive parent by the anniversary date of his/her certification/licensure.

Water Tests

Prospective foster caregivers and prospective adoptive parents who are required to have their water tested for initial certification/licensure, must have a water test completed annually by the anniversary date of their certification/licensure.

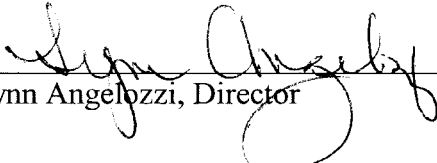
Signatures of Agreement

Prior to becoming certified/licensed, each prospective foster caregiver and prospective adoptive parent must sign a Signature of Agreement form acknowledging that he/she agrees to:

1. identify and report abuse and neglect according to state law and agency policy; and
2. follow the agency’s Care and Discipline of Children in Custody Policy and will refrain from using corporal or any degrading type of punishment.

Foster/adoptive parents who are already certified/licensed are required to sign the Signature of Agreement form within 60 days of the effective date of this Policy.

A copy of this signed Agreement will be filed in the caregiver’s case file.


4-11-11

 Lynn Angelozzi, Director Effective Date