

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

**PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY WITH HIV, AIDS
OR AT HIGH RISK OF CONTRACTING EITHER DISEASE**

POLICY

The Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services will facilitate the placement - both foster care and adoption - of children in custody with HIV or AIDS and children at high risk for HIV infection, and protect their rights to confidentiality and dignified treatment.

DISCLOSURE

- A. The child's name will not be given to the potential foster or adoptive caregiver until the placement is definite.
- B. Placement of an HIV/AIDS child will not be made until prior notification and information is given to the foster or adoptive caregiver.
- C. The foster caregiver **shall not** disclose the child's HIV/AIDS status to any person, agency, or institution until TCJFS has given specific, written authorization.
- D. Medical information regarding the child's condition and/or treatment will be filed in the Medical Information section of the child's case record.

COUNSELING

- A. Sexually active adolescents in custody with HIV infection shall receive education from a qualified health professional regarding the risk of transmission to their partner(s) and the law requiring an HIV positive person to inform other persons with whom they share a hypodermic needle or engage in sexual conduct of their diagnosis.
- B. Pregnant adolescents in custody with HIV infection shall be provided information regarding transmission risks to the baby, referral to prenatal care and counseling.



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