

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

**FOSTER CAREGIVER REPORTING OF
SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

POLICY

Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services holds Foster Caregivers to the same reporting requirements of child abuse and neglect as mandated reporters.

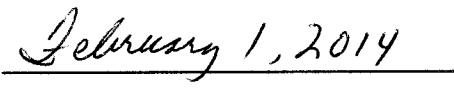
PROCEDURES

Any Foster Caregiver who knows or suspects that a child under 18 years of age or a developmentally disabled or physically impaired person under twenty-two years of age has suffered or faces threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or other condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child, must immediately report or cause reports to be made of that knowledge or suspicion to the Public Children Services Agency or to a municipal or county peace officer in which the child lives or was abused.

This report may be made by telephone, in person, or in writing.

Physical proof or other forms of evidence are not required to make the report.


Michelle Tope, Director


Effective Date