

**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.

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.

Medical Exams

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

Foster/adoptive parents who are already certified/licensed are required to have an updated medical examination at recertification.

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. Reimbursement for the cost of the water test will be given after initial licensure and annually by submitting the receipt for the water test to TCJFS.

Signatures of Agreement

Prior to becoming certified/licensed, each prospective foster caregiver and prospective adoptive parent must sign a Confidentiality/Reporting Responsibilities Care and Discipline Policies 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.

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



David Haverfield, Director



Effective Date