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FOSTER CARE POLICY

The attached policies and procedures in their totality constitute Trumbull County Children Services' Foster Care Policy. Trumbull County Children Services is fully licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), to provide a full range of Foster Care services. During the provision of these services, including all recruitment activities, the Agency fully abides by all applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited, to:

- The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C.A. 1901 et seq. 42 U.S.C. 671(a);
- The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-89;
- The Multiethnic Placement Act Oct..20, 1994, P.L. 103-382, as amended by section 1808 of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, Aug.20,1996, P.L. 104-188 (MEPA), and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), as they apply to the adoption process, which do not supersede the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 U.S.C.1901 (11/1987).
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, et seq (hereafter referred to as Title VI);

MEPA and Title VI prohibit Trumbull County Children Services from utilizing policies, procedures or actions which serve to: 1) Deny any person the opportunity to become a foster caregiver or an adoptive parent on the basis of race, color or national origin of that person, or of the child involved; or 2) Delay or deny any placement of a child in foster care or for adoption on the basis of the race, color or national origin of the foster caregiver(s), of the adoptive parent(s) or of the child involved. For an overview of MEPA and Title VI, as they relate to the foster care and/ or the adoption process, refer to the "Non-discrimination Requirements for Foster Care and Adoptive Placements (JFS 01611).

All documents, training aids, and materials utilized by Trumbull County Children Services fully comply with MEPA and Title VI, the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 U.S.C.A. et seq, as amended, and the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

As required by Ohio Administrative Code, Trumbull County Children Services has established procedures for investigating alleged violations of MEPA and Title VI, as they apply to the foster care and adoption process. This procedure is attached as **Appendix A**.

To assure employee and contractors compliance with MEPA and Title VI, Trumbull County Children Services has developed "Standards of Conduct" for the provision of adoptive and foster care services, these Standards are attached as **Appendix B**.

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