

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL	
	Chapter 16: Intergovernmental Case Processing	Effective Date: 11/03/2021
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BACKGROUND

The definitions in this Section apply to this Chapter.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Chapter.

1. **“Child Support Enforcement Network (CSENet)”** is a nationwide communication network linking child support enforcement agencies allowing them to transmit information other than documents through statewide child support systems.
2. **“Convention”** is the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance concluded at The Hague on November 23, 2007.¹ Countries who have adopted the Convention are referred to as **“Convention countries”**.
3. **“Electronic Document Exchange (EDE)”** is an ancillary application provided by the federal Office of Child Support Services’ (OCSS) Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) which permits Title IV-D agencies to securely send and receive documents through the FPLS Portal.
4. **“Foreign country”** is a country, or a political subdivision of a country, other than the United States that authorizes child support orders to be issued and:
 - a. Is a foreign reciprocating country;
 - b. Has a reciprocal arrangement for child support with Indiana;
 - c. Has laws or procedures for the establishment and enforcement of support orders that are substantially similar to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA); or
 - d. Is a Convention country.²
5. **“Intergovernmental Title IV-D case”** is a case that has been referred by an initiating agency to a responding agency for Title IV-D services.³ An intergovernmental Title IV-D case may include any combination of referrals between States, tribes, and countries.⁴

¹ IC 31-18.5-1-2(3)

² IC 31-18.5-1-2(5)

³ 45 C.F.R. § 301.1

⁴ 45 C.F.R. § 301.1

6. **“Initiating State”** is the State, tribe, or country that forwards a request or pleading to another State, tribe, or country.
7. **“Query Interstate Cases for Kids (QUICK)”** is an electronic communication tool used by Title IV-D agencies to view case data from another State.
8. **“Register”** means to file in an Indiana Court a support order or judgment determining parentage of a child that was issued in another State, tribe, or country.⁵
9. **“Responding State”** is the State, tribe, or country that receives and acts on a request or pleading sent by another State, tribe, or country.
10. **“Tribe”** refers to the organizational unit that has been given authority by OCSS to administer a Title IV-D program in an Indian or Alaska Native Tribe, band, nation, or community which has been recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as an Indian Tribe.⁶
11. **“Tribunal”** is a Court, administrative agency, or a quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or to determine parentage of a child.⁷ In Indiana, the tribunal is a Court authorized to establish, enforce or modify child support orders, or determine parentage.
12. **“UIFSA”** is the acronym for the model act, Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. It is also the term used for the Act as it was adopted by Indiana on July 1, 2015, and codified at IC 31-18.5. Cases brought under the Act are often referred to as UIFSA cases.

POLICY

N/A

REFERENCES

- [IC 31-18.5-1-2](#): Definitions
- [45 C.F.R. § 301.1](#): General definitions
- [45 C.F.R. § 309.05](#): What definitions apply to this part

PROCEDURE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

1. [CSENet Complete Guide](#)

⁵ IC 31-18.5-1-2(21)

⁶ 45 C.F.R. § 309.05

⁷ IC 31-18.5-1-2(29)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A

REVISION HISTORY

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Version 1	11/26/2019	Final approved version
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