

	<b>INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL</b>	
	<b>Chapter 4: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cases</b>	<b>Effective Date: 07/30/2020</b>
	<b>Section 1: History of TANF and Title IV-D</b>	<b>Version: 1.1 Revision Date: 07/29/2020</b>

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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The Social Security Act of 1935 created the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. It was a federal grant program that allowed States to provide money for dependent, low-income children who were not receiving adequate financial support or care due to the death, incapacity, unemployment, or continued absence from the home of one of their parents. The most significant recent changes to the AFDC program came in 1996 with passage of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). This changed AFDC into a time-limited grant program and renamed it the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

The State agency administering the TANF program must specify the groups of individuals that will be included in the program and the conditions of eligibility that must be met by individuals in those groups.<sup>1</sup> The State may not provide more limited assistance than provided by the Social Security Act except where the Social Security Act or its legislative history authorized more limited service.<sup>2</sup> The conditions for eligibility may not be inconsistent with the provisions and purposes of the Social Security Act.<sup>3</sup>

Children under age 18, or age 18 if a full-time student in a secondary school or vocational or technical training and expected to complete said educational program before reaching age 19, who are deprived of parental support or care due to death, absence, physical or mental incapacity, or unemployment; are living in the home of a parent or relative; and meet certain financial criteria are eligible for TANF.<sup>4</sup>

The agency in Indiana administering the TANF program is the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Family Resources (DFR). There is a DFR office in each county. It is through these offices that a person applies for TANF. The DFR is responsible for gathering information necessary to make a determination of TANF benefits and continued eligibility. Persons who receive TANF get monthly assistance in the form of money that is called the grant or award. The local DFR is also responsible for enforcement of sanctions for failing to meet eligibility requirements.<sup>5</sup>

When the local DFR is gathering and updating information on TANF applicants and recipients, the DFR worker enters this information into the Indiana Client Eligibility System (ICES). ICES

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<sup>1</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 233.10(a)(1)

<sup>2</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 233.10(a)(1)(ii)(A)

<sup>3</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 233.10(a)(1)(ii)(B)

<sup>4</sup> IC 12-14-1-1(a); 470 IAC 10.3-5-1; 45 C.F.R. § 233.10(b)(2)(ii); 45 C.F.R. § 233.20

<sup>5</sup> IC 12-14-2-18(c)

and the statewide child support system interface through the IV-A/IV-D interface to create or update the case in the statewide child support system for the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office.

**POLICY**

N/A

**REFERENCES**

- [IC 12-14-1-1](#): Eligibility
- [IC 12-14-2-18](#): Revocation or suspension of assistance; sanctions
- [470 IAC 10.3-5-1](#): Payment of assistance
- [45 C.F.R. § 233.10](#): General provisions regarding coverage and eligibility
- [45 C.F.R. § 233.20](#): Need and amount of assistance

**PROCEDURE**

N/A

**FORMS AND TOOLS**

N/A

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

N/A

**RELATED INFORMATION**

N/A

**REVISION HISTORY**

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Version 1	06/16/2015	Final approved version
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