

FAQ

How can the funds be spent?

While there are currently no restrictions on how the reimbursement may be spent, we encourage the funds to be used on public defense. The only requirement is to report annually to the Commission how the funds were spent¹.

How soon can my county start receiving these funds?

Reimbursements are sent out quarterly, in arrears. Once the agreement is signed and required quarterly forms are submitted, the county will be eligible for the next round of reimbursements.

Does the county have to meet any Commission Standards?

No, this is separate and distinct from the Non-Capital Reimbursement program.

How much money will my county receive?

Title IV - E reimbursement is based on a formula that calculates the total IV - E eligible caseload (CHINS and TPR) as a weighted percentage of the total caseload. That percentage is multiplied by the penetration rate (determined by DCS) and the total public defense costs of your county. Counties may receive approximately 11% of the total CHINS and TPR costs returned under the IV - E program.

¹ Per the State Board of Accounts, the county should maintain the Title IV-E reimbursement in a separate fund for reporting purposes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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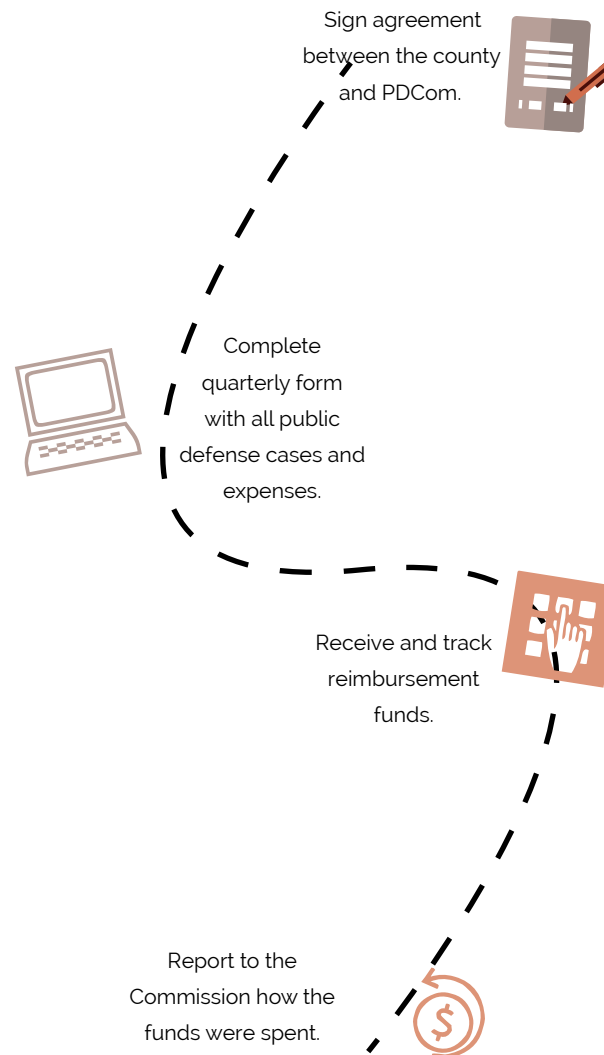
OBTAINING REIMBURSEMENT

GETTING STARTED

After signing an agreement with the Public Defender Commission, our office will train counties in how to submit the required quarterly documentation.

TITLE IV-E OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT The Federal Government recently changed its policy to allow reimbursement for the costs for legal representation for parents in child welfare cases, as well as overhead costs and support staff, paralegals, investigators, peer partners, or social workers that support attorneys providing representation. These costs are now eligible for an open-ended entitlement (referred to as "Title IV - E Funding"). The Public Defender Commission (PDCOM), through an agreement with the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS), is the state agency that passes these funds on to counties.

WHAT IS TITLE IV-E?



CALCULATING ELIGIBLE COSTS

Federal reimbursement will be based on a state's proportion of foster children eligible for Title IV-E (referred to as the state's "penetration rate") and will not require an analysis of whether individual clients are IV-E eligible. The Public Defender Commission has developed forms and calculation methodology that will determine the amounts eligible for reimbursement. Completion and submission of the quarterly forms (public defense caseloads and expenses) is all that is required at the county level for reimbursement.