POLICY

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will offer services to the resource family to:
1. Support the resource family’s care of the child;
2. Assure that the child’s needs are being met; and
3. Address issues that may lead to placement disruption.

DCS will provide ongoing training to licensed resource family homes on a variety of topics. See separate policy, 12.14 In-service Training.

Code References
NA

PROCEDURE

[REVISED] The Family Case Manager (FCM) will:
1. Ensure that the resource family is notified of all Child and Family Team (CFT) Meetings or Case Pan Conferences. See separate policy 5.7 Child and Family Team Meetings;
2. Discuss the concurrent plan, if applicable, with the resource family (pre-adoptive family). See separate policy, 5.15 Concurrent Planning;
3. Provide the resource caregiver with the current copy of the Case Plan (SF2956);
4. Maintain regular contact with the resource family. See separate policy, 8.10 Minimum Contact; and
5. Refer the resource family for Family Preservation Services, if there are issues that may lead to placement disruption. See separate policy, 5.10 Family Services.

The Foster Care Specialist will assure that the licensed resource home has information on available trainings and training requirements. See separate policy, 12.14 In-service Training.

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

1. Tool 8.C Supervision of Visits
2. Case Plan (SF2956) – Available in MaGIK

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A