

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 11: Older Youth Services Section 28: Dismissing a Collaborative Care (CC) Case	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

A Collaborative Care (CC) case may be closed when a youth is no longer eligible for CC or the youth asks for the case to be closed.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will ask the court to close a CC case when:

1. The youth turns 21, which ends CC eligibility;

Note: If there is a declared state of disaster emergency, the DCS Director or designee may extend CC eligibility (per IC 31-28-5.8-5).

2. The youth does not meet CC eligibility rules set by DCS; or
3. The youth chooses to leave CC.

If DCS ends the Voluntary Collaborative Care Agreement before the expiration date and the youth does not agree, the youth or their Guardian ad Litem (GAL)/Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) (with the youth's consent) may ask the court to:

1. Hold a hearing to review the reason for ending the agreement; or
2. Enter an order with findings on whether DCS had good cause to end the agreement.

Note: The youth or GAL/CASA must request this within 15 calendar days of getting the notice DCS plans to end the Voluntary Collaborative Care Agreement.

If the youth is still eligible after the CC case is dismissed, they may:

1. Ask to re-enter CC (see [11.18](#)); or
2. Join Voluntary Older Youth Services (OYS) (see [11.07](#)).

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 10-14-3-12: Disaster emergency; emergency gubernatorial powers](#)
- [IC 31-28-5.8-8: Closing collaborative care cases](#)