	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 10: Guardianship and Adoption **Section 25:** Adoption Summary	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Adoption Summary is a written report created by the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS). It is required by Indiana law and gives the court recommendations as to the suitability of an adoption.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Adoption Summary includes important information about:

1. The child who may be adopted;
2. The child's birth family; and
3. The family who wants to adopt the child.

DCS will complete the Adoption Summary within 60 calendar days of the date the adoption petition is filed. If DCS opposes the adoption filing, they will complete the Adoption Summary within 30 days. This rule applies even if no one has signed consent forms yet.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- IC 16-41-8: Chapter 8. Communicable Disease: Confidentiality Requirements
- IC 31-19-2-7: Medical report
- IC 31-19-8-5: Agency report and recommendation; filing requirements; waiver of report
- IC 31-19-8-6: Contents of report
- IC 31-19-17-2: Report of medical, psychological, and educational records of birth parents
- IC 31-19-17-4: Summary of social, medical, psychological, and educational records of child
- 42 CFR 2.14: Minor Patients