

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing Section 15: Annual Review (Foster Family Home Licensing)	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) makes sure licensed foster homes are inspected and following licensing requirements to meet the health, safety, and well-being needs of a child placed in their home.

POLICY STATEMENT

Licensed foster homes will be reviewed annually until it is time for re-licensing. During the annual review visit, all information will be collected so that the Annual Report Regarding Resource Family Home form can be completed.

DCS will notify the foster family when:

- The annual review is due;
- The annual review has been completed;

DCS will also keep written records of monitoring activities and on-site visits to the foster family home. DCS checks licensed foster homes to make sure they are following licensing requirements. These reviews will be completed each year until it is time for re-licensing.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-2-5: Monitoring of licensed entities](#)
- [IC 31-27-4-18: Inspection of foster family homes](#)
- [IC 31-27-4-19: Records of monitoring activities and inspections](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-12: Physical facilities of the foster family home; safety; cleanliness and sanitation](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-22: Foster parent training](#)