

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 15: Eligibility Section 07: Income Requirements	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

A family must meet set income rules to be eligible for Title IV-E Foster Care (Title IV-E) funding.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will review the income of the child's assistance group during the month the child was removed to decide if the child can get Title IV-E funding.

To qualify, the child's assistance group must meet the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) income rules that were in place on July 16, 1996.

Note: A child placed with a parent in a licensed family-based treatment facility for substance use may be eligible for Title IV-E, even if the AFDC income rules are not met.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [42 USC 672\(a\), \(h\), and \(j\): Removal and foster care placement requirements](#)
- [45 CFR 1356.21\(l\): Living with a specified relative](#)
- [45 CFR 233.10: General provisions regarding coverage and eligibility](#)
- [45 CFR 233.20: Need and amount of assistance](#)
- [465 IAC 2-7-5: Title IV-E; foster care eligibility](#)