

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing Section 17: Corrective Licensing Actions	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

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POLICY STATEMENT

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A corrective action plan (CAP) may include one (1) of the following:

1. Placement hold; or
2. Probation.

Note: If the issue is safety-related, a CAP with a placement hold and/or probation may be used. Any new placements or respite care must be approved by the Foster Care Division Manager (DM).

Corrective licensing action:

1. Will last for a specific timeframe, up to six (6) months, and can be extended for another six (6) months;
2. May not go past the date the FFH license expires; and
3. May be given if:
 - a. The issue is related to safety but does not put the child in immediate danger,
 - b. A corrective action plan (CAP) is filed, and
 - c. DCS approves the CAP.

An extension should only be requested when the FFH has made progress. If they are not making progress, the FFH may be considered for revocation (see policy [12.21](#)).

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-4-17: Probationary status; duration; expiration; extension](#)