

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 8: Out-of-Home Services Section 09: Placing a Child in Out-of-Home Care	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Every child deserves safe, healthy, and supportive care. When a child cannot be safely cared for in the home, they may be placed in out-of-home care.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will provide the resource parent with information about the child, as allowed under the law.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-2-12: Statement of rights and responsibilities of foster parent](#)
- [IC 31-28-2-4: Copies to foster parents and certain foster care recipients](#)
- [IC 31-34-2.3-4: Hearing; notice](#)
- [IC 31-34-15-3: Provision of copy of completed case plan](#)
- [IC 31-34-15-5: Cooperation of development of plan](#)
- [IC 31-34-19-1.3: Notice of disposition of hearing; duties of court](#)
- [IC 31-34-19-8: Provision of copies of dispositional report](#)
- [IC 31-34-21-4: Notice of case review; testimony in periodic case review](#)
- [IC 31-34-22-2: Providing copies of reports and factual summaries of reports](#)
- [IC 31-34-23-3: Notice and hearing requirements; change in out-of-home placement; temporary order for emergency change of placement](#)
- [IC 31-35-2-6.5: Notice of hearing](#)
- [20 USC 6311\(g\)\(1\)\(E\) State plans; Other plan provisions](#)