

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 17: Residential Licensing Section 11: Annual Licensing Review	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Department of Child Services (DCS) checks each licensed and/or contracted residential facility every year. This review makes sure the facility follows Indiana laws, rules, and DCS policies. This review helps to make sure children are safe, healthy and well-cared for while in care.

POLICY STATEMENT

The DCS Residential Licensing Unit (RLU) will conduct an annual review of each licensed and/or contracted residential facility which consists of both a program and clinical review.

Note: The clinical portion of the annual review applies only to a licensed residential facility which is contracted with DCS.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-3 Regulation of Child Caring Institutions](#)
- [IC 31-27-5 Regulation of Group Homes](#)
- [465 IAC 2-9 Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions](#)
- [465 IAC 2-10 Emergency Shelter Care Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions](#)
- [465 IAC 2-11 Private Secure Facilities](#)
- [465 IAC 2-12 Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions Defined as Group Homes](#)
- [465 IAC 2-13 Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions Defined as Emergency Shelter Care Group Homes](#)
- [42 USC 671 State plan for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance](#)