

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 11: Older Youth Services Section 20: Youth Adjudicated as Juvenile Delinquents (JD) Accessing Collaborative Care (CC)	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) can accept referrals for Collaborative Care (CC) for older youth who have an open Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Status (JD/JS) case. The CC program helps older youth prepare for adult life.

POLICY STATEMENT

DCS will accept referrals for CC from Probation Officers (PO) for older youth who:

- Have an open JD/JS case
- Are eligible to participate in CC (see policy [11.18](#)).
- Are interested in joining CC

To open a CC case for JD youth, all three (3) steps below must happen on the same day:

1. The JD/JS case must close;
2. The youth and the OYCM must sign the Voluntary Collaborative Care Agreement Between Older Youth and the Department of Child Services form the same day the court closes the JD/JS case (see policy [11.22](#)); and
3. A CC petition must be filed on the same day as the JD/JS case closure.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-30-2-1: Continuing juvenile court jurisdiction](#)