INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES	**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES** **CHILD WELFARE POLICY**	
	Chapter 15: Eligibility **Section 08:** Financial Resource Requirements	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Financial resources of the child's family must be reviewed during the month the child was removed to see if the child is eligible for Title IV-E Foster Care (Title IV-E) funding.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will review financial resources available to the child's assistance group during the removal month when deciding if the child is eligible for Title IV-E funding (see policy 15.05).

DCS will check:

- What resources are counted or not counted;
- What resources are available. If the resources are not available to the assistance group in the removal month, they are exempt; and
- What is the equity value of the resources (value after subtracting what is owed).

The countable resources in the removal month must be under $10,000. If over the child cannot receive Title IV-E funding.

> **Note**: Money earned during the removal month is not counted as a resource for the assistance group, but rather as earned or unearned income (see policy 15.07).

A child living with a parent residing in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse may be eligible for Title IV-E even if the family does not meet Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) rules.

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