

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 15: Eligibility Section 05: Assistance Group	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

When a child is removed from their home, DCS must collect information about who lived in the home with the child. This is needed to determine the child's Title IV-E Foster Care (Title IV-E) assistance group.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will gather and check information about the people living in the child's home at the time of removal. This is needed to determine the child's Title IV-E assistance group.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [42 USC 672\(a\), \(h\), and \(j\): Removal and foster care placement requirements](#)
- [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](#)