

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 11: Older Youth Services Section 09: Voluntary Services Host Home	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

This policy does not apply to Older Youth Case Management (OYCM) Host Homes. See policy [11.25 Collaborative Care \(CC\) Host Homes](#) for guidance.

Voluntary services host homes are similar to resource homes, except the host does not have to be a licensed resource parent. Voluntary services host homes give youth a safe place to live while they learn life skills to live on their own.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) may help an older youth, whose Child in Need of Services (CHINS) or Juvenile Delinquent/Juvenile Status (JD/JS) case has been closed after turning 18, with making living arrangements through voluntary services host homes.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [42 USC 677: John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood](#)