

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 15: Eligibility Section 06: Deprivation Criteria	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

To receive Title IV-E Foster Care (Title IV-E) funding, a child must be deprived from parental support or care.

POLICY STATEMENT

To be eligible for Title IV-E, the child must be deprived of parental support or care during the month they were removed for one (1) of the following:

- Death;
- The parent is not living in the home;
- The parent has a physical or mental incapacity; or
- The parent is unemployed/under employed.

Note: If a child is placed with a parent living in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse, they may be eligible for Title IV-E even if the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) criteria are met.

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will decide if a child meets deprivation criteria.

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](#)
- [465 IAC 2-7-5: Title IV-E; foster care eligibility](#)