

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 11: Older Youth Services Section 01: Older Youth Services (OYS)	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Older Youth Services (OYS) help eligible Child in Need of Services (CHINS) and Juvenile Delinquent/Juvenile Status (JD/JS) youth get ready for adult life.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will make OYS available to eligible youth beginning at age 16. Former foster youth can be referred starting at age 18, up until the day before their 23rd birthday.

Checking or Savings Account

If a foster youth qualifies and wants to open a checking or savings account, DCS will complete the appropriate paperwork.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 28-1-23-17: Savings or checking accounts for qualified youth](#)
- [IC 31-28-5.8: Chapter 5.8. Collaborative Care](#)
- [42 USC 677: John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood](#)
- [465 IAC 2-15.1: Collaborative Care](#)