

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing Section 28: License Reinstatement	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

License reinstatement is available to former foster families who left the fostering program in good standing and still meet the rules to care for children.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) checks to make sure all foster home applicants, whether through DCS or a Licensed Child Placing Agencies (LCPAs), can safely care for children and meet all the rules based on Indiana law.

If a request to reinstate a Foster Family Home (FFH) license is received, DCS shall treat the request as a new applicant. DCS will approve or deny the request for license reinstatement. If approved, the effective date of reinstatement is the date of approval in the case management system.

Note: If the license reinstatement is approved, any past non-compliance under the prior license will not be held against the foster parent unless:

- The same issue continues under the new license, or
- The new issue is similar to the old one

If the request for reinstatement is approved, the foster parent must complete:

- Any missed training from the last annual review, and
- All training needed for the current year (see policy [12.15](#))

The following foster family homes are not eligible for reinstatement, but may apply for relicensure (see policy [12.16](#)):

1. License was revoked or is not in good standing;
2. License has expired; and/or
3. License was voluntarily withdrawn in good standing but has less than one (1) year remaining on latest licensure period.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [465 IAC 2-1.5-22: Foster parent training](#)