

	<b>INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY</b>	
	<b>Chapter 8:</b> Out-Of-Home Services	<b>Effective Date:</b> January 1, 2020
	<b>Section 51:</b> Regional Permanency Teams	<b>Version:</b> 1

## STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) is committed to obtaining permanency for each child in out-of-home care. The Regional Permanency Team (RPT) has been implemented to ensure each child lives in a permanent, safe, sustainable, and supportive environment. An RPT is available in each region to assist in identifying permanency options and planning to achieve permanency for each child. Cases reviewed by the RPT are specifically selected based on the child's length of stay in care, placement history, and the severity of the child's identified needs. See Related Information for members who may participate in RPT.

**Note:** The RPT may identify cases that meet the criteria for participation in a Permanency Roundtable (PRT). See policy [8.47 Permanency Roundtables](#) for more information.

DCS will evaluate all permanency options and the use of all permanency resources, including but not limited to the [Indiana Adoption Program](#) and the [Guardianship Assistance Program](#). Follow-up reviews will occur at least quarterly until permanency is achieved.

**Note:** A case must be reviewed by the RPT, with an Older Youth Services (OYS) representative present and approved by the Regional Manager (RM) prior to changing the child's permanency plan to Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA).

### Code References:

[IC 31-34-21-5.7: Permanency Plan; Requirement; Approval; Reports and Orders not required](#)

## PROCEDURE

The Regional Permanency Team (RPT) will:

1. Review cases quarterly;
2. Identify cases that include a child who has not achieved permanency and meets the criteria for participation in a PRT. See policy [8.47 Permanency Roundtables](#) for further guidance on referring a case for a PRT; and
3. Follow-up quarterly with the FCM and FCM Supervisor regarding each case reviewed until permanency is achieved.

## FORMS AND TOOLS

[Adoption Consultant Map](#)

<b>PRACTICE GUIDANCE</b>
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N/A

<b>RELATED INFORMATION</b>
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**Regional Permanency Team (RPT) Members**

RPT members may include the following:

1. Family Case Manager (FCM);
2. FCM Supervisor;
3. Local Office Director (LOD);
4. Regional Licensing Specialist;
5. Probation Officer;
6. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) or Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) representative;  
and
7. OYS representative.