

August 2026 Super Saturday Participant Resource

	Topic	Agency	Contact Information	Additional Links & Resources
Natalie Chavis, Adoption Attorney	Guardianship vs Adoption; Adoption Subsidy, Legal Process, Post Adoption Contact	Natalie Chavis, Foster Care Adoption Attorney	317-762-9209 nnchavis@gmail.com	- Legal Adoption and Appeal Processes - Mandatory 30-day appeal period following involuntary termination of parental rights. - Appeals can extend the legal timeline by six months to two years. - Access to case status and cause numbers through legal counsel or official portals. - Financial Assistance and Adoption Support - Adoption Assistance Program provides 100% of current foster care per diem rates. - Non-recurring adoption expenses up to \$2,000 available per child. - Post-adoption services available to support families with behavioral challenges. - Legal Representation and Case Management - Independent legal counsel recommended upon change of permanency plan to adoption. - Department of Child Services does not provide legal filing assistance for adoptions. - Family case managers coordinate service recommendations for biological parents.
Liz Stauth, Member Advocate for Anthem	Personal Care Benefits Healthy Lifestyles & Rewards	Anthem Medicaid	Liz.Stauth@anthem.com Member Services: HHW- 866-408-6131 HCC- 844-284-1797	- Anthem Medicaid Support and Liaison Services - Role of program administrators as insurance liaisons for members. - Geographic coverage areas across the state for member assistance. - Community-focused meetings providing information on health benefits and case management. - Member Reward Programs and Incentives - Eligibility for \$25 gift cards following documented well visits. - Redemption methods via member services, the Sydney Health app, or reward centers. - Provision of hygiene kits for specific foster care plans. - Medicaid Policy Clarifications - Exemption of foster care children from adult work requirements. - Variation in benefit programs across different managed care companies. - Direct email support for resolving issues with meal deliveries or reward claims. - Sydney App - https://www.anthem.com/member-resources/sydney-app
Jennifer Lombard, Indiana Youth Institute			https://iwi.org/events/	- All IYI recorded webinars are approved for Alternative Training Hours - Indiana Youth Institute Professional Development - Statewide nonprofit organization supporting youth workers and community stakeholders. - Provision of professional development, organizational capacity building, and research data. - Access to training on topics like trauma and social media safety for youth. - Event and Training Opportunities - Annual conferences including the Kids Count conference and college readiness challenges. - Local engagement through Youth Worker Cafes, coffee meetups, and career networking. - Monthly webinars with recorded sessions and certificates of attendance available. - Digital Resource Navigation - Centralized event calendar on the official website for scheduling and registration. - Weekly newsletter subscription for updates on trends and upcoming community events. - Direct contact access to regional outreach managers for localized support
Kaitlyn Gonzalez United Healthcare	Dental Services, Special Reward Program, Prepare for child's first dental appointment	United Healthcare	kaitlyn.gonzalez@uhc.com Indiana Hoosier Care Connect UnitedHealthcare Community Plan www.Uhccp.com/IN 18008324643	- UnitedHealthcare Dental Coverage and Benefits - Coverage includes biannual exams, cleanings, X-rays, and restorative procedures. - Member services assist in locating network providers accepting Medicaid. - Nurse line and doctor line provide 24/7 support for urgent health concerns. - Incentive Programs and Member Rewards - Gift cards awarded for completing health screenings and dental cleanings. - Incentives available for well-child visits and immunization completion. - Rewards offered for participating in tobacco cessation or attending council meetings. - Pediatric Oral Health Best Practices

			Member Services 18005428630 Nurse Line	○ Initial dental visit recommended by age one or upon first tooth eruption. ○ Prevention strategies include avoiding sugary drinks and nighttime bottles. ○ Consistent daily brushing and flossing required until age five. ▪ “Rule of 2” brush & floss twice/day and visit dentist twice/year ▪ Avoid sugary drinks – water is best,
Wanda Zapata, GAL Josh Pollack, Attorney	GAL/CASA; Advocacy for the Best Interest of Child; Permanency Plans Best Interest Guiding Principles Legal Support	Kids' Voice of Indiana Older Youth Initiatives - Kids' Voice Of Indiana	www.kidsvoice.org Josh Pollack - jpollack@kidsvoicein.org Children's Law Center of Indiana Indiana CHINS & Family Law Deskbook - Kids' Voice Of Indiana Older Youth Initiatives and the Youth Impact Board here .	• Role and Purpose of GAL/CASA Advocacy ○ Representation of children's best interests within the legal system. ○ Assessment of individual educational, medical, and psychological needs. ○ Provision of a dedicated voice for children during court proceedings. • Organizational Structure and Resources ○ Operation of the Children's Law Centre of Indiana for legal resources. ○ Provision of supervised parenting time programs for families. ○ Utilization of both professional staff and community volunteers. • Advocacy Process and Case Management ○ Requirement of case-by-case evaluation based on family history and trauma. ○ Coordination with service providers and attendance at family team meetings. ○ Legal support provided by staff attorneys for motions and permanency planning. • Celebrating 40 years of service to kids in legal system • Forever Home Staffing and/or Permanency Facilitation are held to discuss child's needs and best interest

Featured Speakers

Jennifer Dorfmeier Director of Indiana Department of Child Services	Indiana Department of Child Services Updates	Indiana Department of Child Services DCS: Home	Jennifer.dorfmeier@dcs.in.gov	• DCS Leadership and Operational Strategy ○ Appointment of new executive team members with extensive field experience. ○ Implementation of 'DCS by Design' to foster a supportive and responsive organizational culture. ○ Collaboration with law enforcement and community partners to enhance service coordination. • Legislative Updates and Policy Implementation ○ Enactment of transparency laws regarding child fatalities and media disclosures. ○ Adjustment of reunification service timelines to 12 months post-removal. ○ Prioritization of established foster relationships in adoption proceedings after 12 months. • Crisis Support and Resource Initiatives ○ Statewide availability of 988 mobile crisis response teams for de-escalation. ○ Federal grant acquisition for predictive analytics to improve placement matching. ○ Ongoing efforts to clarify custody and enrollment procedures for youth financial accounts.
Angel Caudill, Clinical Director Total Care ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) - Anything a person does that is observable and measurable			• Building Connection and Trust ○ Prioritizing child-led play to establish rapport. ○ Creating emotional security through shared activities and meals. ○ Empowering children by offering simple, meaningful choices. • Behavioral Expectations and Routines ○ Implementing consistent daily routines and visual schedules. ○ Defining clear behavioral expectations like safe hands and kind words. ○ Utilizing positive reinforcement to encourage desired actions. • Managing Triggers and Emotional Regulation ○ Identifying underlying causes like pain or fatigue for challenging behaviors. ○ Modeling calm responses to prevent escalation during power struggles. ○ Teaching replacement skills for expressing frustration effectively. • Effective Consequence Strategies ○ Focusing on teaching rather than punitive measures. ○ Ensuring consequences are immediate, logical, and proportional. ○ Viewing behavior as a primary form of communication.

Additional Resources

- **August 29, 2026 – LIVE Behavior Management Series** - 2 training hours and children activities while you learn!
 - 10 AM – 12 PM EST at Putnam County local office 121 Ridgeland Rd, Greencastle, IN
 - Presenters: Lindsay Kusy & Dr. Ashleigh Woods Cummins Behavioral Health CareSource Behavioral Health team will have a booth to share Medicaid resources
 - Click [here](#) to register to attend by August 26



Helpful Information

- **RAPT website** - <https://www.in.gov/dcs/training/foster-parent-training/>
- **RAPT Email** DCSRAPTRegistrations@dc.in.gov
- **RAPT Course Catalog:** https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/RAPT_Course_Catalog.pdf
- **IU Canvas:** <https://ssw.iu.edu/childwelfare/training/cat/rapt/>
 - *Here are the links to directly enroll in courses. If you have any troubles, please reach out to help4dcs@iu.edu*
 - [Adoption Assistance Overview](#)
 - [APPLA & Collaborative Care](#)
 - [Asthma](#)
 - [Bloodborne Pathogens](#)
 - [Caring for Drug Exposed Infants](#)
 - [Child Abuse & Neglect \(RAPT II\)](#)
 - [Developmental Disabilities - ADHD](#)
 - [Developmental Disabilities - Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)
 - [Developmental Disabilities - Cerebral Palsy](#)
 - [Developmental Disabilities - Epilepsy](#)
 - [Developmental Disabilities - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders](#)
 - [Diabetes](#)
 - [Educational Advocacy](#)

- [*Supporting and Caring for Youth on Probation*](#)
- [*Understanding Social Media*](#)
- **RAPT Training Calendar:** <https://events.in.gov/dcs/>
- **Link to DCS Policy:** <https://www.in.gov/dcs/2354.htm>
- **Indiana Relative/Kinship/Foster Placement Reporting Form:**
https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/Indiana_Relative_Kinship_Foster_Placement_Reporting_Form.pdf
- **Super Saturday website:** <https://www.in.gov/dcs/training/foster-parent-training/super-saturday/>
- **Indiana RAPT Super Saturday Link Tree:** <https://linktr.ee/indiana.rapt.supersaturday>

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