

# February 2026 Super Saturday Participant Resource

	Topic	Agency	Contact Information	Additional Links & Resources
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<b>Courtney Rusk,</b> Madison County DCS Division Manager	DCS organizational structure and chain of command	Madison County DCS	<a href="mailto:Courtney.rusk@dcs.in.gov">Courtney.rusk@dcs.in.gov</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chain of Command: Local Office Director → Division Manager → Supervisor → FCM/RSS/FCS</li> <li>Case managers handle paperwork, while adoption coordinators offer broader, hands-on support.</li> <li>Finding contact information through official websites or direct Google searches.</li> <li>Reaching out to local offices for assistance when unsure about specific contacts.</li> <li>Reporting safety concerns to supervisors and escalating issues further if unresolved.</li> <li>Utilizing the hotline for immediate safety concerns and potential investigations.</li> <li>Court reports should be available no later than 10 days before the hearing.</li> <li>Case file requests may take several weeks due to redaction and copying.</li> <li>Guardian ad Litem contact information found in court reports and case files.</li> <li>Documenting concerns via email for a clear paper trail and recourse.</li> <li>Requesting child and family team meetings in writing for effective advocacy.</li> </ul>
<b>Chrystal Hines,</b> Inner Beauty Program	Inner Beauty Pageant NEW B.O.Y. (New Breed of Youth) Services such as academic tutoring, in-school support, college tours, fitness programs, financial and economic development workshops, and various other programs geared towards the positive development of our youth	<a href="#">IBNB MENTOR</a>	<a href="mailto:chrystal@innerbeautyprogram.org">chrystal@innerbeautyprogram.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Inner Beauty Girls &amp; Boys Program is a comprehensive initiative that offers a range of services to young girls and boys, focusing on self-awareness, empowerment, and personal development. The program includes mentoring, academic tutoring, in-school support, college tours, fitness programs, financial &amp; economic development workshops, and field trips. It aims to provide a safe and nurturing environment where young individuals can grow and develop their skills and confidence. The program is open to girls and boys ages 6-18 and offers various activities and programs to support their personal growth and well-being.</li> </ul>
<b>TeQuaysha Tubbs,</b> GAL <b>Mary Beth Browne ,</b> Attorney	GAL/CASA; Advocacy for the Best Interest of Child; Permanency Plans Best Interest Guiding Principles Legal Support	<a href="#">Kids' Voice of Indiana</a>  <a href="mailto:cmundy@kidsvoicein.org">cmundy@kidsvoicein.org</a>	Kids' Voice of Indiana 615 N. Alabama, Suite 200 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-558-2870 <a href="http://www.kidsvoice.org">www.kidsvoice.org</a>	
<b>Natalie Chavis,</b> Adoption Attorney	Guardianship vs Adoption; Adoption Subsidy, Legal Process, Post Adoption Contact	Natalie Chavis, Foster Care Adoption Attorney	317-762-9209 <a href="mailto:nnchavis@gmail.com">nnchavis@gmail.com</a>	Guardianship vs. Adoption: Key Differences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guardianship as temporary custody, dissolvable, and not exchanging parentage.</li> <li>Adoption is permanent exchange of parentage, making new individual the legal parents.</li> <li>Guardianship automatically dissolves when a child turns 18.</li> </ul> Guardianship Assistance Programs and Subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) providing certain subsidies.</li> <li>Potential for Medicaid and per diem for post-guardianship care.</li> <li>Legal fee coverage as a potential benefit for adoption.</li> </ul>

## Featured Speakers

<p><b>Jamie Roe,</b> Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)</p>	<p>ICPC ensures that children placed in another state for foster care or adoption receive adequate protection and support.</p>	<p>DCS ICPC</p>	<p><a href="mailto:jamie.roe@dcs.in.gov">jamie.roe@dcs.in.gov</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sending state is financially responsible for the child, including per diem rates and referrals.</li> <li>• A local worker provides monthly supervision in the receiving home, focusing on safety and stability.</li> <li>• The sending state pays the per diem rate for foster or relative care, not the receiving state's rates.</li> <li>• Medical care depends on whether the youth is Title IV-E eligible; otherwise, the sending state should provide a financial and medical plan.</li> <li>• If the sending state caseworker is unresponsive, the local worker should be notified to escalate the issue.</li> <li>• Resource parents are encouraged to communicate frequently with their supervising caseworker and advocate for the child's needs.</li> <li>• A relationship with the child is required for placement, not just blood relation.</li> <li>• Kinship placements are carefully monitored due to concerns about sex trafficking.</li> <li>• Adoption ICPCs are typically processed after a child has been placed for six months, though exceptions exist.</li> </ul>
<p><b>John Graham,</b> Education &amp; Outreach Manager</p>	<p>Online Threats Affecting Families in 2026 and What Parents Need to Know</p>	<p>Susie's Place</p>	<p><a href="http://www.SusiesPlace.org">www.SusiesPlace.org</a></p> <p>Additional Resource Sits:</p> <p><a href="https://www.thorn.org/">https://www.thorn.org/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.missingkids.org/home">https://www.missingkids.org/home</a></p> <p><a href="https://connect.ncmcc.org/learn">https://connect.ncmcc.org/learn</a></p> <p>Upcoming March 6, 2026 virtual training follow on Facebook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Snap Chat</b> – create a check in plan that's right for your family</li> <li>• Disappearing Messages – messages, photos, and videos vanish after view which is a false sense of security</li> <li>• Snap Map Location Sharing – by default, kids may share their real-time physical location with friends</li> <li>• Sextortion and predatory use – law enforcement reports surge in sextortion cases on Snapchat: predators trick kids into sending explicit photos then threaten to share them</li> <li>• <b>Game Safety Tips</b> – know the game ratings and do your research</li> <li>• Disable or limit game chat functions based on child age</li> <li>• Reinforce that no identifying information should be shared</li> <li>• Occasionally watch them play and ask questions. Show interest</li> <li>• <b>What can you do?</b> Do a phone swap challenge with your child</li> <li>• Create password permission so apps/games must be approved before downloaded</li> <li>• Interrupt online routines</li> <li>• Utilize your internet providers controls to track devices, usage, and WIFI blackout times</li> </ul>

### February Awareness

- **American Heart Month:** Raising awareness about cardiovascular health.
- **National Cancer Prevention Month:** Promoting healthy lifestyles to reduce cancer risk.
- **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:** Focusing on education and prevention of abusive relationships.
- **Children's Dental Health Month:** Promoting good oral hygiene habits.
- **Low Vision Awareness Month:** Educating on vision health and living with low vision.

### Additional Resources

- **Live and Virtual Super Saturday on April 18, 2026 at 10 AM EST in the LaPorte, Indiana local DCS office**
- Our friends at Indiana Kids Belong designed a **Foster Friendly App**. This app is a free resource that connects foster families with businesses & organizations that offer discounts, free items or other resources that are exclusive for foster parents. You'll find restaurants, entertainment options, foster closets & everything in between on the app. Don't worry if you don't see anything in your area. You can visit the Indiana Kids Belong website to [nominate your favorite businesses](#), and IKB will reach out to them! Check out the Foster Friendly website [here](https://americaskidsbelong.org/states/in/foster-parent-resources-indiana/).

## Helpful Information

- **RAPT website** - <https://www.in.gov/dcs/training/foster-parent-training/>
- RAPT Email [DCSRAPTRegistrations@dcs.in.gov](mailto:DCSRAPTRegistrations@dcs.in.gov)
- **RAPT Course Catalog:** [https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/RAPT\\_Course\\_Catalog.pdf](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](mailto: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](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>

## Microsoft Teams Tips

- Mute prior to entering training
- Key steps to Mute Microsoft Teams Notifications: Click three dots (...) next to your profile picture in Teams, Select "Settings", Go to "Notifications and activity", and choose the desired notification settings for specific chats or all chats

## Evaluation

Please complete the evaluation of Super Saturday! Click link to complete: : <https://forms.office.com/g/YwiWNmGGLb>

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