

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL	
	Chapter 10: Child Support Order Establishment	Effective Date:
	Section 1: Federal Time Frames for Establishment of Support Obligation	Version: 1 Revision Date: 09/23/16

BACKGROUND

Each state with a Title IV-D Program is required to have a state plan indicating that the state will provide services relating the establishment of support.¹ This policy specifically concerns the establishment of child support obligations. For policy resources regarding spousal support only cases, orders for post-secondary educational expenses, and orders for medical support, refer to the resources listed in Related Information below.

POLICY

Within 90 calendar days of locating the alleged father or non-custodial parent, regardless of whether paternity has been established, the Title IV-D Prosecutor must establish an order for child support or complete service of process necessary to commence proceedings to establish a child support order, and if necessary, paternity.²

Unsuccessful attempts to serve an alleged father or non-custodial parent must be documented in the statewide child support system.³ Diligent efforts to obtain good service must be periodically conducted when adequate location and identifying information is available.⁴

REFERENCES

- [42 U.S.C. § 652](#): Duties of Secretary
- [42 U.S.C. § 654](#): State plan for child and spousal support
- [45 C.F.R. § 302.31](#): Establishing paternity and securing support
- [45 C.F.R. § 303.3](#): Location of noncustodial parents in IV-D cases
- [45 C.F.R. § 303.4](#): Establishment of support obligations

PROCEDURE

The Title IV-D Prosecutor may refer the case to the State Parent Locator Service through the statewide child support system in order to locate an alleged father or non-custodial parent after diligent efforts to obtain good service have been conducted.⁵

¹ 42 U.S.C. § 652(a); 42 U.S.C. § 654(4)

² 45 C.F.R. § 303.4(d)

³ 45 C.F.R. § 303.4(d)

⁴ 45 C.F.R. § 303.3(c); 45 C.F.R. § 303.4(d)

⁵ See Chapter 8: Parent Locate

FORMS AND TOOLS

N/A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

Chapter 3 Section 8: Spousal Support Only Cases
Chapter 8: Parent Locate
Chapter 15: Medical Support
Chapter 19: Post-Secondary Educational Expenses

