

## Post-Adoption Services available in Indiana

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) contracts with agencies across the state to provide post-adoption services to adopted children and families until the child reaches 18 years of age. Post-adopt services are available to Indiana families who have adopted, whether they adopted through DCS or privately. Families who adopted out-of-state (or even internationally) who now reside in Indiana are eligible for post-adopt services.

This service is based on the belief that children and their families are remarkably resilient and capable of positive development when provided with community-centered support, defined by what is in the best interest of the child. It is meant to provide a comprehensive system of care that allows families to find support after adoption.



### What happens when a family needs Post-adoption Services?

Services will begin with a comprehensive strength based assessment with the child and family.

The post-adopt service provider will assist the family in convening a team to include other family members, informal supports, and professionals to form a collaborative plan of care with clearly defined goals. The post-adopt provider will address the need



for and monitor a crisis plan with the family and team members. Parent and family involvement is expected to be maintained throughout the service period.

The post-adopt provider will maintain ongoing dialogue with the family and their team to see that care is consistent

and that there is progress toward the goals. The team will evaluate the progress and make adjustments as necessary.

The plan of care for the family may include assistance in connecting with other community resources, behavioral health care services, respite, and/or support groups.

Availability of services are dependent on funding and the individual child and family situation. Our goal is to help your family before you are in crisis.



### How does an adoptive family access the services that are needed?

Families can call their regional Indiana Department of Child Services Special Needs Adoption Program Specialist (SNAP) and be referred to a care coordinator within the vicinity.

To contact a SNAP Specialist, please call toll-free **1-888-25ADOPT**

Or visit our website at [www.in.gov/dcs](http://www.in.gov/dcs)

and search "SNAP Contact Information" For more information regarding adoption, Please visit our website at [www.adoptachild.in.gov](http://www.adoptachild.in.gov)

For adoption subsidy questions, please call **1-877-265-0086**, or email to [centralized.eligibility@dcs.in.gov](mailto:centralized.eligibility@dcs.in.gov)

For adoption search services, please contact the Indiana Department of Health at [www.in.gov/isdh](http://www.in.gov/isdh)

## Why does the Indiana Department of Child Services provide Post-Adoption Services?

The Indiana Department of Child Services recognizes that adoption is not the end of a process, but the beginning of a lifelong commitment for a family and a child. No one adopts a child thinking one day they may feel overwhelmed and out of options. Many children have trouble trusting and loving others, and understanding that they are not out to hurt them. Even in a healthy home, adjustment can be a difficult and continuing process for all family members.

The Indiana Department of Child Services offers Post Adoption services to assist families in obtaining information and help that can be beneficial to family stability.



### Medicaid

If your child is covered by Medicaid, he/she may be eligible for behavioral health care services through **Medicaid Rehabilitation Option**.

Please contact your local Community Mental Health Center for more information.

For Medicaid questions concerning children who are in foster care or have been adopted, please contact

**[medicaidunit@dcs.IN.gov](mailto:medicaidunit@dcs.IN.gov)**

For all other Medicaid questions, please contact the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, at

**1-800-457-4584** or

**[www.indianamedicaid.com](http://www.indianamedicaid.com)**



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