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To: Licensed Child Placing Agencies

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Subject: LCPA Replacement of Limited Criminal History (LCH) Checks

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The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) recognizes the cost involved for a Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA) to obtain required Limited Criminal History (LCH) Checks. Therefore, effective immediately the LCH is being replaced by a search of <a href="www.MyCase.in.gov">www.MyCase.in.gov</a>. This search will provide the same information as the LCH while eliminating the associated cost for access to the information by the LCPA. Refer to <a href="Conducting Local Criminal Court Records">Conducting Local Criminal Court Records</a> <a href="Checks">Checks</a> for guidance on utilizing MyCase.

**Exception:** A limited number of Indiana Counties are not yet live with all records in MyCase. Counties affected are listed on the main MyCase page. It is projected that all Indiana Counties will be live in MyCase by the end of 2021. For criminal history results in affected counties only, a search should be conducted at www.DoxPop.com.

Policy 13.09 Conducting Background Checks for Foster Family Home Licensing requires the completion of an LCH Check. This policy will be revised soon to remove reference to the LCH Check and require a search of MyCase. All other requirements outlined in the policy remain effective.

Questions regarding background checks and the use of MyCase or DoxPop should be directed to your Residential Licensing Specialist (RLS). The RLS may direct additional questions to <a href="COBCUInquiry@dcs.in.gov">COBCUInquiry@dcs.in.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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