

# Indiana Department of Child Services

## Mission

The Indiana Department of Child Services engages with families and collaborates with state, local and community partners to protect children from abuse and neglect and to provide child support services.

## Vision

Indiana children will live in safe, healthy and supportive families and communities.

## Values

**RESPECT** – Every person has value, worth and dignity

**PREVENTION** – Families should have access to the resources and knowledge to prevent their children from experiencing abuse and neglect

**SAFETY** – Every child has the right to be free from abuse and neglect

**STABILITY** – The best place for children to grow up is with their own families

**PERMANENCY** – Children and older youth have the right to permanency

**RESPONSIBILITY** – Parents have the primary responsibility for the care and safety of their children

**ACCOUNTABILITY** – Each person is accountable for outcomes and one's own growth and development

**CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT** – The agency will engage in continuous improvement efforts to improve outcomes for children and families

