

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 8: Out-of-Home Services	Effective Date: July 1, 2017
	Section 15: Services for the Resource Family	Version: 3

STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will offer services to the resource parent(s) to:

1. Support the resource parent’s care of the child;
2. Ensure the child’s needs are being met; and
3. Address issues that may lead to placement disruption.

DCS will provide ongoing training to licensed resource family homes on a variety of topics. For further guidance, see separate policy [12.14 In-Service Training Requirements](#).

Code References

NA

PROCEDURE

The Family Case Manager (FCM) will:

1. Ensure that the resource parent(s) are notified of all Child and Family Team (CFT) Meetings or Case Plan Conferences. For further guidance, see separate policy [5.7 Child and Family Team Meetings](#);
2. Discuss the second permanency plan, if concurrent planning, with the resource parent(s) (pre-adoptive parent(s)). See separate policy, [5.15 Concurrent Planning](#) for further guidance;
3. Provide the resource parent(s) with the a copy of the current [Case Plan \(SF 2956\)](#);
4. Maintain regular contact with the resource parent(s). See separate policy, [8.10 Minimum Contact](#) for further guidance; and
5. Refer the resource parent(s) for Family Preservation Services, if there are issues that may lead to placement disruption. See separate policy, [5.10 Family Services](#) for further guidance.

The Regional Foster Care Specialist (RFCS) will ensure the licensed resource parent(s) has information on available trainings and training requirements. See separate policy, [12.14 In-Service Training Requirements](#) for further guidance.

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

1. [8.C Tool: Supervision of Visits](#)
2. [Case Plan \(SF 2956\)](#) – Available in the case management system

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A