

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL

Chapter 4: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cases

Section 9: When the Custodial Party Is No Longer Receiving TANF

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BACKGROUND

N/A

POLICY

The Division of Family Resources (DFR) notifies the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office via the IV-A/IV-D interface when the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipient is no longer receiving a TANF grant. DFR sends a notice to the former recipient notifying the individual that Title IV-D services will continue.¹ The Title IV-D case remains open and the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office remains responsible for the child support case unless the case closes under one (1) of the federal case closure reasons.²

REFERENCES

- CSB-AT-421: IV-D Services Opt Out
- 42 U.S.C. § 654: State plan for child and spousal support
- 45 C.F.R. § 302.33: Services to individuals not receiving title IV-A assistance

PROCEDURE

When a family's TANF assistance is discontinued, the local DFR notifies the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office via the IV-A/IV-D interface. The statewide child support system will automatically change the case type to non-public assistance (NADC) to reflect the termination. The Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office shall continue the child support enforcement services unless the custodial party (CP) sends a written request to terminate enforcement services.

If the CP is no longer receiving TANF, the CP may sign and submit a request to close the Title IV-D case. If there is an arrearage owed to the State due to the TANF case, the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office will create two (2) cases. One case will be non-IV-D (NIVD) for the current support and arrearage owed to the CP. The second case will be for the arrearage owed to the State. The Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office is only responsible for enforcing the case with the arrearage owed to the State.³

FORMS AND TOOLS

¹ 42 U.S.C. § 654(25); 45 C.F.R. § 302.33(a)(4)

² Chapter 17: Case Closure

³ CSB-AT-421

1. Splitting ISETS Cases

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Q. May a non-parent CP, who is no longer receiving TANF, close the case against one non-custodial parent (NCP) but leave the case against another NCP open?
 - A. The Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office cannot require a CP to keep a case open against a NCP when there is not a current assignment of support to the State.

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A

REVISION HISTORY

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Version 1	06/16/2015	Final approved version
Version 1.1	07/30/2020	Updated links and terminology