

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE MANUAL	
	Chapter 8: Out-of-Home Services	Effective Date: 6/1/08
	Section 14: Services for the Child's Family	Version: 1

POLICY: NEW	OLD POLICY: N/A
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The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will offer services to the child's family while the child is in out-of-home care, to facilitate the child's return home.

Exception: Services will not be offered to the child's family when a court rules that reasonable efforts to reunify the family are not required.

DCS will engage the Child and Family Team (CFT) to develop a Family Service Plan. The team will review the family's Safety Assessment, Strength and Needs Assessment and Risk Assessment to assist in identifying the family's needs and corresponding services.

Code References:

N/A

PROCEDURE

The Family Case Manager (FCM) will:

1. Utilize the CFT to facilitate the identified family reunification services and support services outlined in the Case Plan. See separate policies, [5.8 Developing a Case Plan](#), [5.10 Family Services](#) and [5.7 Family Team Meetings](#).
2. Monitor and document the family's progress and update the court.
3. Document in case notes any reasons why services were not offered or were halted prematurely.

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A