

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT

(EXECUTIVE ORDER 13-05)

The Department of Child Services (DCS), in accordance with all applicable provisions of Executive Order 13-05 issued January 14, 2013, will ensure that DCS will not disregard or disadvantage the formation and well-being of intact married families, intentionally or unintentionally, whenever DCS develops and submits to the Indiana Register for publication any proposed or amended rules for inclusion in the Indiana Administrative Code.

In formulating and implementing policies and rules that may have a significant impact on family formation and the general well-being of families, DCS will assess its current and proposed policies and rules in light of each of the following factors:

1. Whether or not the policy or rule strengthens or erodes the stability of the family and the marital commitment.
2. Whether or not the policy or rule encourages or discourages nonmarital childbearing.
3. Whether or not the policy or rule respects or inhibits the rights of parents to raise their children and make the best choices about their children's education, health, and well-being.
4. Whether or not the policy or rule increases or decreases private family earnings or the incentive for parents to provide materially and emotionally for their children.
5. What message, intended or otherwise, the policy or rule, and the program to which it relates, sends to the public concerning the status of the family.
6. What message the policy or rule sends to children about the relationship between their present choices and their future well-being.

For every proposed new or amended rule that has or may have a real or potential impact on family well-being or family formation, DCS will submit to the Indiana Office of Management and Budget, with a copy of the proposed rule, a Family Impact Statement relating specifically to the proposed rule. That Statement will include a certification by the Director that the proposed rule has been assessed in light of the six factors described above, and any additional information required for compliance with Executive Order 13-05.

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