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Rule 5180:3-25-04 Traditional candidate for Title IV-E foster care.

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(A) What criteria is to be met for a child to be considered a Title IV-E candidate for foster care?

The Title IV-E agency is to be involved with the child and family for one of the following purposes:

(1) To remove the child from the home; or

(2) Satisfy the reasonable efforts requirement to prevent removal.

(B) Who is considered a Title IV-E candidate for foster care?

A Title IV-E candidate for foster care is a child who is at imminent risk of removal from the home into foster care, as evidenced by the Title IV-E agency either pursuing the child's removal or making reasonable efforts to prevent the removal.

(C) When is a child not considered a Title IV-E candidate for foster care?

A child is not a title IV-E candidate if the planned out-of-home placement is outside foster care, such as a juvenile detention facility.

(D) How is a Title IV-E agency to document a child's eligibility for candidacy?

Eligibility is to be documented in Ohio's comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS).

(E) What documentation is needed in the case record to start Title IV-E candidacy?

The case record is to document eligibility by meeting one of the following requirements:

(1) A defined family case plan that:

(a) Is developed jointly with the parent(s) or caregiver(s) of the child.

(b) Includes a description of services offered and provided to prevent the removal of the child from the home into foster care.

(c) Specifies the plan for the child is foster care if the services described are not effective.

(2) Court actions in relationship to the removal of the child from the home:

(a) In a petition to the court for care and placement/custody or protective supervision in an effort to prevent removal; or

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(b) In a court order granting the agency protective supervision, or in a transcript of the related court proceedings, as an effort to prevent removal.

(F) When can a Title IV-E agency claim administrative costs for a child who is a candidate for Title IV-E foster care?

A Title IV-E agency may claim administrative costs in the month it determines and documents that a child is a candidate for Title IV-E foster care, using the random moment sample (RMS) time study. RMS is a statistically valid method of determining the work of a larger population based on a sample survey.

(G) How are juvenile courts and department of youth services (DYS) staff activities reported?

Activities are reported using the DCY 01794 "Juvenile Courts Random Moment Sample (JCRMS) Time Studies Observation Form."

(H) How long may a child remain a Title IV-E candidate?

A child may remain a candidate for six months. Candidacy may continue beyond six months if:

(1) Eligibility is redetermined through a semi-annual administrative review (SAR) of the case plan; or

(2) A court decision in relation to preventing the removal of the child from the home.

(I) When is a Title IV-E agency to stop claiming federal reimbursement?

A Title IV-E agency is to stop claiming federal reimbursement when any of the following occur:

(1) The agency receives legal responsibility for the care and placement/custody of the child.

(2) The child no longer receives case management services to prevent removal or to prevent re-entry into foster care.

(3) The child's case plan has not been reviewed and updated, as needed, at the six-month SAR.