Welcome to training on Case Planning and Intervening for Permanence: Collaborative Care. Developed and presented by the Indiana Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership.
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- Identify who Collaborative Care Case Managers are.
- Recognize Collaborative Care benefits.
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As you view this training, you will complete the Collaborative Care questions located in the front section of your Permanency Participant Manual. Locate the Permanency Manual now to complete the worksheet.

You will see this icon appear on a slide when the content answers part or all of a worksheet question.
What is Collaborative Care?

- Collaborative Care is a program that provides services and support to older youth to help them successfully achieve their case plan goal.

- Collaborative Care programs are primarily focused on helping those youth who are expected to turn 18 in foster care, but the programs can be implemented concurrently with other goals like reunification and adoption.

- **Collaborative Care policies can be found under Chapter 11 of DCS policy.**
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Collaborative Care Case Managers, or 3CMs, are specialized case managers who receive specialized training, including trauma informed care training. Collaborative Care Case Managers handle a caseload of youth 17 ½ years and older.

3CMs have experience working with youth in foster care:

- Connecting youth with services and opportunities specific to the needs of emerging adults.
- Including but not limited to enrolling in post-secondary education, developing work skills, and building social networks.
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- Youth who are 18 or 19 years of age and have not yet reached 20 years of age.

- Currently in an out-of-home placement under an Indiana court order or was formerly in an out-of-home placement through an Indiana court order the month prior to his or her 18th birthday.

- Continuously meet **ONE** of the following:
  - Enrolled in a secondary education institution or a program
  - Participating in a program or activity designed to promote employment
  - Employed for at least 80 hours per month
  - Incapable of performing any of the activities described above due to a medical condition documented in the youth’s case plan;

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- Information regarding Eligibility for Collaborative Care can be found under Chapter 11.18 of DCS policy. For more information, follow this link to Policy 11.18.
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Youth in Collaborative Care will:

- Attend monthly face to face visits with Collaborative Care Case Manager (3CM).
- Maintain records of eligibility (paystubs, college transcripts, etc.).
- Take an active role in case planning and implementation.
- Attend/Participate in court hearings.

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There are three legal requirements for youth to receive collaborative care.

At age 18 youth will be asked to:

- Sign a Collaborative Care Agreement (the agreement will be filed with the Court).
- Participate in planning and implementing their Collaborative Care Case.
- Transition to a 3 CM at age 17½ (for DCS youth).
- Attend/Participate in court hearings.
Youth may choose to re-enter foster care any time before turning 20 years of age. This includes youth who:

- Previously participated in Collaborative Care and opted out.
- Never participated in Collaborative Care
  - But who were in foster care the month before they turned 18.
  - And who turned 18 in foster care.
Collaborative Care Placements include:

- Own Apartment/House sharing
- Shared Apartment/Housing
- College Dorm
- Host Home
- Staff Supported Housing
Collaborative Care is a voluntary program. Youth who are not interested in participating, or who are not eligible to participate have other options.

These include:

- Remaining in traditional foster care.
- Participating in Voluntary Independent Living Services.
- After wardship dismissal, the youth may choose to no longer have contact with DCS.
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