Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)
Office of Families and Children
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Policy and Practice Guidance Document #013
Child in a Title IV-E Agency’s Custody/Care and Placement Ordered to Detention/Ohio
Department of Youth Services (ODYS)

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Background

The Office of Families and Children has received questions regarding the status of a child in the custody/care and placement of a Title IV-E Agency being placed in a detention/Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) facility. Title IV-E funding can be jeopardized when a court incorrectly terminates instead of maintaining and/or transferring custody/care and placement.

This also includes when a youth is transferred from a county IV-E Agency to ODYS under their IV-E Program. The ODYS IV-E Program serves a smaller population of youth that ODYS has determined can be placed in an unsecure setting, including a residential treatment center or group home. The ODYS IV-E Program enters a subgrant agreement with ODJFS to take care and placement of youth similar to a Title IV-E juvenile court.

Policy

If a child is in a Title IV-E Agency’s custody/care and placement and a court has ordered the child to be placed in a detention/ODYS facility, then the IV-E agency should maintain custody/care and placement and change the child’s placement to the detention/ODYS facility. During the time the child is in the detention/ODYS facility, the child is not reimbursable, unless the child is in the ODYS Title IV-E program.

When the child is moved to a licensed setting, the child again will become eligible for reimbursement. The IV-E agency will need to continue all case planning and visitation requirements, while the child is detained, including annual reasonable efforts.

Contact

If you have any questions related to the above guidance, please contact the Ohio SACWIS Help Desk, Office of Families and Children at e-mail SACWIS_Help_Desk@jfs.ohio.gov.