



Department of Children and Youth Memo 26-008

TO: Directors and Administrators, Public Children Services Agencies
Administrators, Title IV-E Courts

FROM: Laura Graf, Policy Division, Deputy Director

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SUBJECT: Title IV-E Federal Review

Background

The Department of Children and Youth (DCY), Policy Division, Bureau of Children Services Policy and Supports, Title IV-E Section, is actively preparing Public Children Services Agencies (PCSA) and Title IV-E Juvenile Courts (IV-E Courts) for Ohio's upcoming Title IV-E Federal Review (Federal Review).

This critical review is conducted in accordance with 45 CFR § 1356.71 and is designed to monitor a Title IV-E agency's compliance with specific requirements of Title IV-E. The Federal Review is designed to achieve three key objectives:

1. Ensuring fiscal accountability.
2. Improving child welfare practices.
3. Supporting the goals of child safety, permanency, and well-being.

Purpose

To support statewide readiness, the Title IV-E Policy Section, will host a series of virtual training sessions for PCSAs and IV-E Courts in preparation for Ohio's Title IV-E Federal Review, scheduled for **November 2026**.

Below are the planned training dates and topics. Each session title is a hyperlink that will direct participants to the corresponding training session.

- [February 26, 2026: Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance \(FCM\) Federal Review Overview](#)
- [March 5, 2026: Eligibility Documentation & Verification Standards](#)
- [March 19, 2026: Qualified Residential Treatment Program \(QRTM\) Assessment Alignment](#)



- [April 2, 2026: Case Record Completeness and Internal Audit Case Review Process](#)

All training sessions will be held on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

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