



State Support for the First Thousand Days After Birth

State Spotlight: Indiana

Information current as of December 2025.

1. Care Coordination and Pregnancy Support

1.1 Pregnancy Support

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program

This is Indiana's alternatives to abortion (A2A) program. A nonprofit organization, [Real Alternatives](#), which runs Indiana's A2A program, has six pregnancy help organizations in the state: Catholic Charities, Evansville Christian Life Center, Heartline Pregnancy Center, Bravely Women's Health (and a mobile unit), and Woman's Care Center. These organizations allocate and provide funding for groups that promote childbirth rather than abortion and, in some cases, provide or perform services for expectant mothers and their babies. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds this program in Indiana. For fiscal year 2024-25, seven million dollars were allocated to Real Alternatives.

1.2 Care Coordination

Moms Helpline

This helpline provides expectant Indiana mothers with answers to questions about pregnancy and/or parenting and connects them with organizations that provide free resources and baby items, food assistance, healthcare, and other services mothers and babies. The hotline number is 1-844-624-6667 and is available in English, Spanish, and other languages. There is also a separate number for the hearing impaired (1-866-275-1274).

2. Women's Health

2.1 Prenatal and Postpartum Medical Care

No applicable and/or known programs.

2.2 Prenatal and Postpartum Support

HB 1009 (2023)

This legislation was signed into law by former Gov. Eric Holcomb, and it amended the state's child support regulations to require that fathers pay at least 50% of pregnancy related expenses including the mother's prenatal care, delivery, and postpartum expenses.

WIC Breastfeeding Support

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides breastfeeding assessments, lactation consultations, peer counseling, and evidence-based breastfeeding education to mothers enrolled in the WIC program.

§5-10-6-2 and §22-2-14-2

These laws mandate that state and political subdivisions provide breastfeeding employees with reasonable paid breastfeeding breaks and requires that reasonable efforts be made to provide women with a private location to breastfeed and a cold storage facility for keeping breastmilk.

My Healthy Baby

My Healthy Baby is a collaboration of the Indiana Department of Health, Family and Social Services Administration and the Department of Child Services. This initiative was launched in 2020 and provides grants to support existing home visiting infrastructures. The grants also connect low-income families with a family support provider to support families with an infant and during pregnancy. The support providers also answer questions about pregnancy and parenting and help families acquire the necessary resources for their babies.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting (EBHV) Programs

The Indiana Department of Health currently governs EBHV programs that are available in all 92 counties. EBHV models are funded by federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) dollars. Supported EBHV models include:

- Nurse-Family Partnership - The NFP program is directly run and funded by the Indiana Department of Health. In 2022, additional funds were allocated for statewide expansion of the NFP program. This program promotes the mother's health during pregnancy, child development, and personal growth. The program is administered by public health nurses and partners with private sector organizations such as Goodwill Central & Southern, Goodwill Northwest, and Healthier Moms & Babies. Indiana University partners with NFP to address the risks of poverty, preterm births, high school dropout rates, child health outcomes, domestic violence, and child maltreatment. Only first-time moms who are less than 28 weeks pregnant and low-income can qualify. Home visits continue until the child is two. The Indiana NFP state profile can be [found](#) here.
- [Healthy Families Indiana](#) - This program is run by the Indiana Department of Child Services and provides weekly home visits to at-risk families, including single-parent families and those with a history of substance use or domestic violence. Women can enroll during

pregnancy or the first three months after birth. The program continues through ages three to five. Eligibility is determined by the local Health Families America ([HFA](#)) site.

Besides home visiting programs, Indiana's MIECHV funding also supports several other initiatives, including the [Institute for Strengthening Families](#), the [Indiana Early Childhood Collaborative](#), [Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives](#). Indiana MIECHV's Fiscal Year 2021 Report, which was released in 2023, can be found [here](#).

2.3 General Medical Care for Women

Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)

This program provides eligible individuals with breast and cervical screening and diagnostic services. This program is funded by the federal program and the State of Indiana. Eligibility requirements for cancer screening [include](#) being an Indiana resident and meeting income limits. To qualify for this program, Indiana residents must either be uninsured or underinsured. Participating women's ages determines what services she is eligible for.

Medicaid

There are several different types of Medicaid plans included in Indiana's Medicaid program. Services offered by these programs can be found [here](#) and differ slightly in the additional benefits each program offers. These different Medicaid plans [include](#):

- Hoosier Healthwise Package A: This is a managed care program available to several different eligibility groups including:
 - o Newborns (aged zero to one years old) and pregnant women - This eligibility group receives full Medicaid coverage. The income limit for pregnant women is at or below 213% of the FPL¹. In March 2022, [HB 1140](#) was signed into law and CMS approved the state's extension request in September 2022. Subsequently, postpartum Medicaid was extended from 60 days to 12 months.
 - o Parents and caretakers - Parents or caretakers taking care of children under the age of 19 who are living in their home receive full-coverage Medicaid. The income limits follow TANF income limits.
- Healthy Indiana Plan - This coverage program (with several different plans and levels of coverage depending on income) covers these eligibility groups:
 - o The expansion group, ages 19-64: If one's income is between 101% and 133% of the FPL, copays apply and contributions accrue. If one's income is at or below 100% of the FPL, copays apply.

¹ The 5% difference between the stated income limits for different eligibility groups within the Indiana document linked above and the amount listed in this document is because the Indiana document didn't account for the 5% disregard that applies to Medicaid eligibility groups.

- [HIP Maternity](#) - For pregnant women between the ages of 19-64 whose income is at or below 138% of the FPL.² This plan offers [additional](#) pregnancy and postpartum benefits which Hoosier Healthwise doesn't cover for pregnant women such as non-emergency medical transportation, enhanced smoking cessation services, and chiropractic services.
- Fee-for-Service Plans cover these eligibility groups:
 - Those receiving refugee medical assistance during their first four months in the United States. These people receive full-coverage Medicaid.
 - Those receiving family planning services only. Family income must be at or below 146% of the FPL.³ [This eligibility category](#) is for those who don't qualify for other eligibility categories, are not pregnant, have not had a hysterectomy or sterilization, and are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. Examples of covered services include annual family planning visits, physical examinations, pap smears, and follow-up care. This limited coverage program has a [presumptive eligibility benefit](#).
 - [BCCP enrollees](#). If a woman is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the state's BCCP and has a family income at or below 200% of the FPL, Medicaid will cover the cost of treatment services.

The state also offers [two emergency services-only packages](#): package E and package B. Package E covers emergency medical services for those who would have otherwise qualified for full coverage Medicaid programs if not for their immigration status. Package B covers emergency services and labor and delivery costs for pregnant women who would have otherwise qualify for full coverage Medicaid programs if not for her immigration status.

For more information on disability-specific Medicaid programs, see section 6.1, section 7.2 for child-specific Medicaid programs, section 7.4 for adoption-specific Medicaid programs, and 7.5 for foster care-specific programs.

3. Finances, Work, and Education

3.1 Help Paying Bills

[Indiana Family Assistance](#)

This is Indiana's federally funded TANF program. It provides families with children with short-term financial assistance as well as work and mentorship programs. Eligibility requirements include meeting both of the following eligibility criteria:

- Having children under 18 who are living with parents or relatives whose gross family income meets program income limits.
- Participants must work or attend a work-preparation activity.

² Ibid

³ Ibid

In 2023, former Governor Eric Holcomb signed [SB 265](#) into law. This legislation expanded eligibility for the state's TANF program to include women who are pregnant at the time they submit their application. It also will expand the income eligibility limit up to 50% of the FPL by 2028. This legislation also increased TANF payments given to families by 160% and eliminated the "family cap." Similarly, in 2022, [HB 1361](#) was passed into law. This increased the asset limit for the state's TANF and childcare voucher programs, allowing more low-income families to be eligible for these programs (see section 7.1 to learn more about the state's childcare assistance program).

3.2 Employment Support

WorkOne Center

This is the workforce development system of Indiana. The website helps people find a job, access necessary job training programs, or get help with choosing a career. The website has a variety of tools to help men and women find new or better jobs. These include, for example, the [Indiana Career Explorer](#) and the [Indiana Career Connect](#).

Indiana Manpower Placement and Comprehensive Training (IMPACT) Job Training Program

This program is available to all SNAP and TANF recipients. It provides education and job training programs, job search and readiness programs, employment and job retention services, and support services such as:

- transportation help.
- childcare assistance.
- paying high school equivalency test fees.
- vouchers for work related clothing and shoes.

3.3 Education and Training

No applicable and/or known programs.

3.4 Financial Advice or Education

No applicable and/or known programs.

4. Material or Legal Support

4.1 Transportation

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Benefit (NEMT)

Rides are provided for any Medicaid member who does not have access to transportation.

Public Transit Services

4.2 Food and Nutrition

WIC

This federally funded program provides access to nutritious foods and promotes healthier lifestyles. Assistance from this program is available to pregnant women, unborn children, breastfeeding mothers (up to the child's first birthday), and postpartum women (up to 6 months postpartum). Services include nutrition education, lactation support, and healthcare referrals. Other [eligibility requirements](#) include meeting all of the following income criteria

- Being an Indiana resident.
- Being income eligible. Families receiving Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or TANF are automatically eligible for Indiana WIC. Families not enrolled in one of these programs must fall within the [income limits](#).
- The mother must be nutritionally at risk (e.g. anemic, overweight, low birth weight, underweight, inadequate daily intake). Risk is determined by a health and dietary assessment at the time of certification.

The [TANF service project](#) is a project run by the nonprofit organization, Indiana Diaper Bank. It works in partnership with WIC offices across Indiana to provide diapers for families in need. Diapers are available to any families who receive Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) benefits including TANF, WIC, SNAP, and Hoosier Healthwise. Each eligible family will receive 200 diapers every other month for two years for their child/children.

SNAP

SNAP helps to ensure that eligible low-income families and individuals receive benefits to supplement their household's monthly food budget, maintain good health, and direct more of their available income toward essential living expenses. [Eligibility requirements](#) include meeting all of the following eligibility criteria

- Being an Indiana resident
- Being a U.S. citizen or having eligible immigration status.
- Participating in and cooperating with Indiana's SNAP job training program, IMPACT (see section 3.2).
- Meeting asset and resource limits
- Meeting income limits (130% of the FPL)

Special Nutrition Programs

National School [Breakfast](#) Program and National School [Lunch](#) Program: These federally funded programs are run by the state and provide needy children with free- or reduced-cost breakfast and lunch at participating schools.

- [After School Snack Program](#) - This is a federally funded program that provides public and private schools as well as childcare institutions with subsidized snacks for after school programs. The snacks are provided for free or reduced costs to eligible children.

[Special Milk Program](#)

This is a federally funded program run by the state that provides milk to low-income or very low-income children in public and private schools, childcare institutions, and camps that do not participate in other federal child-nutrition meal service programs.

[Summer Food Service Program](#)

This federally funded program is run by the state. It provides free meals to children 18 years or younger in participating communities and day camps. In Iowa, this program is sponsored by school districts, local government agencies, camps, private nonprofit organizations, and public organizations.

[The Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)

This is a federal program that reimburses providers (childcare centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers) for nutritious meals and snacks made available to eligible children and adults. This program also provides reimbursements for meals served to children in eligible and participating afterschool care programs and/or those who live in emergency shelters.

[The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\)](#)

TEFAP is a federally funded program that provides states with 100% American grown foods which are allocated to participating food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens. Low-income individuals and families can then go and receive supplemental food boxes from these entities. These supplemental food boxes contain three to five days' worth of food. Monthly income limits apply.

4.3 Clothing, Household Goods, and Baby Supplies

No applicable and/or known programs.

4.4 Housing, Shelters, and Maternity Homes

[Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#)

This program is federally funded but run by the state. It provides energy assistance to households that make 60% or less of the state's median income. The program provides a one-time benefit to families who have been disconnected from their utilities or are about to be disconnected because of unpaid bills.

[Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness \(PATH\)](#)

PATH provides funds for community-based services for people with serious mental illnesses who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. PATH program providers are usually Community Mental Health Centers and are located throughout Indiana. Services provided include screenings, substance-use treatment, and housing placement services

Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (IERA 2)

This program provides **one-time** rental and utility assistance to households negatively impacted by the Covid pandemic. IERA2 was created because there was a continuing need for housing stability due to the pandemic. The one-time payment includes past due rent and three months of future rent. A second payment may be issued that includes past due rent and future rent if the household participates in family stability counseling and improves their household's score to "self-sufficient" or better in any one of the 12 focus areas.

Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

This federally funded program gives vouchers to eligible households to help pay rent. The vouchers are administered and distributed through local housing authorities. The program allows for portability which means a family can transfer their rental subsidy when they move to a city or state outside the jurisdiction of the housing agency which gave them the voucher. Some families may be required to live in the original jurisdiction for one year before transferring.

HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) is a related program that serves eligible veterans by combining HCV rental assistance with case management and clinical services offered by the VA.

Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA) Homeownership Programs

First Step

Provides first time homebuyers or those in a targeted census tract with down payment assistance using a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

Step Down

Provides first time homebuyers or those in a targeted census tract with interest rate assistance.

Next Home

Helps previous homebuyers buy a new home through down payment assistance.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WX)

This federally funded program provides energy conservation measures (e.g. insulation installation, smoke detector installation) to reduce the utility bills of low-income Indiana residents. This program is available to households with incomes up to 200% of the FPL or those that are eligible for LIHEAP.

4.5 Legal Support

No applicable and/or known programs.

5. Recovery and Mental Health

5.1 Addiction Recovery

Indiana Pregnancy Promise Program

This is a free program for pregnant Medicaid members who identify as having current or previous substance use. The program connects pregnant women to prenatal and postpartum care and treatment for substance use disorder. This program provides support during the prenatal period and for 12 months after the child's birth.

Medicaid Rehabilitation Option

This option provides community-based behavioral healthcare for individuals with serious mental illness, youth with a serious emotional disturbance, and/or individuals with substance use disorders. It operates through participating Medicaid providers.

Quit Now Indiana

This is the state's main program to help Indiana residents end nicotine dependence. The network of service programs is available and free for all Indiana residents 13 and older. These services include individualized coaching, Nicotine Replacement Therapy, and online support.

5.2 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Trafficking Recovery

No applicable and/or known programs.

5.3 Mental Health

No applicable and/or known programs.

5.4 Abortion Recovery and Healing

No applicable and/or known programs.

6. Disability Assistance

Indiana First Steps

This is Indiana's early intervention program that offers therapy and other services to families of infants and young children (from birth to third birthday) with developmental delays or disabilities. Service areas are organized into different areas of Indiana, which can be located [here](#).

Children's Special Healthcare Services

This program assists children, youth, and transitioning adults (0 to 21) who have complex chronic health conditions or developmental delays by providing these families with supplemental medical coverage. Medical coverage applies to diagnostic evaluations, comprehensive well child and sick childcare, immunizations, specialty care as it relates to certain diagnosed medical conditions, prescriptions, dental care, and travel reimbursements. Families must make less than 250% of the

FPL level to qualify. The list of medical conditions and requirements for medical eligibility can be found [here](#).

Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation

This program assists individuals with disabilities with finding jobs that grant them independence and give them purpose. The program provides individuals with job counseling, training, and assistive technology services.

Disability-Specific Medicaid Programs

In addition to Hoosier Healthwise's managed care program, Indiana Medicaid also includes another managed care program, [Hoosier Care Connect](#). This program covers [these eligibility groups](#):

- Disabled individuals receiving SSI assistance. Income is not considered for eligibility for those under the age of 60. This is a full coverage group.
- Blind individuals who don't require long-term care and are under the age of 60 whose income is at or below 100% of the FPL. This is a full coverage group.
- Those who are disabled but working and ages 16 to 60 whose family income is at or below 350% of the FPL. This is a full coverage group.

For several eligibility groups listed above, when applicants/members are/turn 60 or older, they are switched/enrolled in the [Indiana PathWays for Aging](#) (IPFA) program. In addition, those needing long-term care services and receiving home and community-based waiver services (HCBS) are enrolled in the IPFA program. Included eligibility groups [are](#):

- Disabled individuals receiving SSI assistance. Income is not considered for eligibility, for those 60 and older. This is a full coverage group.
- Blind individuals who don't require long-term care services and are 60 and older whose income is at or below 100% of the FPL. This is a full coverage group.
- Those who are disabled but working and 60 and older whose family income is at or below 350% of the FPL. This is a full coverage group.
- Aged 65 and older who don't require long-term care services and whose family income is at or below 100% of the FPL. This is a full coverage group.
- Individuals of any age who are in need of long-term care services, enrolled in HCBS waivers, or require an institutional level of care and whose income is 300% of the current max SSI. Active HCBS waivers are available to different eligibility and age groups depending on the waiver and [include](#):
 - o Community Integration and Habilitation waiver
 - o Health and Wellness waiver
 - o Traumatic Brain Injury waiver
 - o Community Integration and Habilitation and Family Supports waiver

7. Care for Children

7.1 Childcare

The Child Care and Development Fund

This is a federal program that helps low-income families find childcare so that they may work or continue their education. This federal program is administered through the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. Eligibility requirements including all the following eligibility criteria:

- Families must be at 150% or below the FPL.
- The enrolled child must be a United States citizen or qualified legal alien
- The child must be fully immunized

Employer-Sponsored Child Care Fund

This is a program that provides seed funding to employers to expand their employer-subsidized childcare benefits.

On My Way Pre-K

This state program provides financial assistance to low-income families with a 4-year-old so that the child can participate in a pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. This program also provides wraparound care (before and after school care for the child participating in the pre-K program).

Family First Workplace Program

In December 2025, Governor Braun launched a pilot program which allows eligible state employees to bring their infants to work during the child's first six months of life or until the child is mobile (whichever comes first). The program starts immediately and starts with employees in the Governor's Office, the Indiana Department of Health, and the State Personnel Department. The program allows parents to designate an alternate care provider in their office that can care for the child if the parent has to do a task that would be disrupted by the infant's presence or dangerous to the child.

H.B. 1001 (2023)

This legislation contained several provisions related to supporting Indiana families and unborn children:

- Expanded the dependent exemption for parents in the first year of the child's life to \$3,000 a child.
- Created a tax credit for 50% of an employer's child-care expenses up to \$100,000.
- Expanded the eligibility for Indiana's On My Way PreK program from 127% of the FPL to 150%.

7.2 Children's Health Care

The Genomics and Newborn Screening Program

This program carries out Indiana's requirement that all babies born in an Indiana hospital be screened for over 50 genetic/blood conditions, hearing loss, and critical congenital heart disease before they are discharged from the hospital. Babies born at home must be screened within five days of birth. It is important to note that while this program is required, parents pay for these services as a part of the cost to deliver their child.

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

This program requires all Indiana hospitals to perform and monitor newborn hearing screenings and follow-up with hearing testing, hearing loss identification, and early intervention enrollment for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Vaccines for Children (VFC)

This is a federal program that provides immunizations for Indiana residents aged 18 and younger at no cost. Indiana healthcare provider offices, pharmacies, and health clinics enroll in this program. Children who are eligible for free vaccines meet one or more of the following eligibility requirements:

- Hoosier Healthwise eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured (vaccines that private insurance doesn't cover)

Medicaid for Children

Hoosier Healthwise Package A covers child-centric eligibility groups:

- Children aged one through five: Full coverage, for families with an income at or below 146% of the FPL.⁴
- Children aged six through 18: Full coverage for families with an income at or below 111% of the FPL.⁵

Hoosier Healthwise Package C covers the state's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) programs:

- M-CHIP: This is a CHIP program funded by Medicaid. It provides full coverage for children under the age of one whose family income is at or below 213% of the FPL and children aged one through 18 whose family income is at or below 163% of the FPL.⁶

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Ibid

- S-CHIP: This is a CHIP program funded separately and not by Medicaid dollars. It provides comprehensive coverage for children eighteen and under whose family income is at or below 255% of the FPL. Families pay premiums and co-pays in this program.⁷

Indiana's Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment ([EPSDT](#)) benefit provides health coverage for well-child visits and diagnostic screenings for all children and adolescents with actual or potential health issues, from birth to age 21, who are enrolled in Medicaid. This mandated Medicaid program screens children with actual or potential health problems to treat them before they become permanent disabilities. Preventive health services are also available to Medicaid-eligible children under age 21.

7.3 Family and Parenting Education

Indiana Head Start and Early Head Start

This is a federally funded program that coordinates with service sites to educate low-income parents of children aged birth to five on child development and school readiness. Head Start typically serves children between three and five, and Early Head Start serves infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. The program is free to low-income families at or below the FPL. Children whose families receive public assistance, are in foster care, or are experiencing homelessness are also eligible regardless of income. The state's Head Start program is administered by the federally funded Indiana Head Start Collaboration Office.

7.4 Adoption

Adoption Tax Credit

SB 2 was passed in a special legislative session in August 2022 (when the state's life at conception law was passed into law) and increased the adoption tax credit to \$2,500 from its previous limit of \$1,000.

Adoption Assistance Program

This program takes the form of two benefit programs:

- [Monthly subsidy](#): This is a monthly subsidy provided to adoptive parents of children with special needs to help care for the child. This subsidy is funded by the federal and state governments. It is intended to be an incentive for prospective parents to adopt special needs children, so they do not remain in the foster care system.
- [Guardianship Assistance Program](#): This federally funded program provides financial assistance to non-biological caretakers when reunification and adoption are not options, and guardianship has been determined to be in the interest of the child.

Medicaid

In Indiana, [those receiving adoption assistance](#) are automatically enrolled in the state's fee-for-service Medicaid plan but also have the choice of enrolling in the Hoosier Care Connect program.

⁷ Ibid

This eligibility group receives full Medicaid coverage, and their income is not considered for eligibility.

7.5 Foster, Kinship, and Short-term Care

Older Youth Initiatives (OYI)

This is a collection of programs for foster youth ages 16 through 22 that helps them find housing, employment, and get an education. These programs are intended to be a continuum of care for enrolled foster youth and examples include:

- [Older Youth Services](#) (formerly known as Chafee Independent Living Services) - This program is for those who turn 18 in foster care. These services help enrolled foster youth develop independent living skills and provide them with academic, employment, housing, and financial support. Lastly, this program provides enrollees with financial assistance for housing and education.
- Collaborative Care - This program is for those who turn 18 in foster care. It provides the foster youth with extended foster care placement and supervision until the youth turn 21.
- Voluntary Services - This is a support program for those who have aged out of the foster care system. This program focuses on housing, employment, and education related services.
- Other programs:
 - o Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program: This federally funded program provides those who are in foster care when they turn 16 and those in the state's kinship-guardianship program with college tuition waivers. Youth can receive up to \$5,000 a year for tuition or other qualified school-related expenses. Other eligibility requirements include:
 - Youth must be enrolled in an accredited college or vocational/technical training program and make progress toward completion of their degree.
 - ETV funds can be accessed for a maximum of five years until the youth's 26th birthday and the youth must apply annually for the voucher.

Medicaid

In Indiana, those receiving federal Title IV-E foster care assistance are automatically enrolled in the state's fee-for-service Medicaid plan but have the choice of enrolling in the Hoosier Care Connect program. This eligibility group receives full Medicaid coverage, and their income is not considered for eligibility. Similarly, former foster youth ages 18 through 25 are automatically enrolled in the state's fee-for-service plan but can opt into the Hoosier Care Connect program. This eligibility group receives full Medicaid coverage, and their income is not considered for eligibility.

7.6 Safe Haven and/or Baby Boxes

Safe Haven Law

Indiana's safe haven law allows parents to leave their child with personnel at a designated facility or a baby box device at a designated facility before the child is one month old without fear of

prosecution. Designated facilities include hospitals, fire stations, law enforcement agencies, and 24/7 medical services providers.

Miscellaneous

Next Level Agenda

Gov. Holcomb's 2024 legislative and administrative agenda prioritized health (pregnancy programs, smoking cessation), mental health, substance-use disorder care, early learning (expanded childcare capacity, Kindergarten readiness), adult learning and training, and housing (low-income tax credits).

Choose Life License Plate Program

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles sells Choose Life license plates for \$40 with \$25 being donated to the [Indiana Association of Pregnancy Centers](#), which then distributes the funds to member pregnancy centers.

This is a non-exhaustive list of programs, current as of January 2026, intended to make information easily accessible to moms and families. Program details are subject to change. Readers should always consult with the appropriate state agency for the most accurate and recent information. The information in this summary is for educational purposes only. CLI does not take a position on the merits of any specific program.

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