

## **IDOE Guidance for Schools to Partner with DCS in Promoting Child Welfare and Continuity of Learning**

All Indiana residents, including educators, are mandatory reporters for suspected issues of child abuse and/or neglect.

**Indiana Abuse and Neglect Hotline:  
(800) 800-5556**

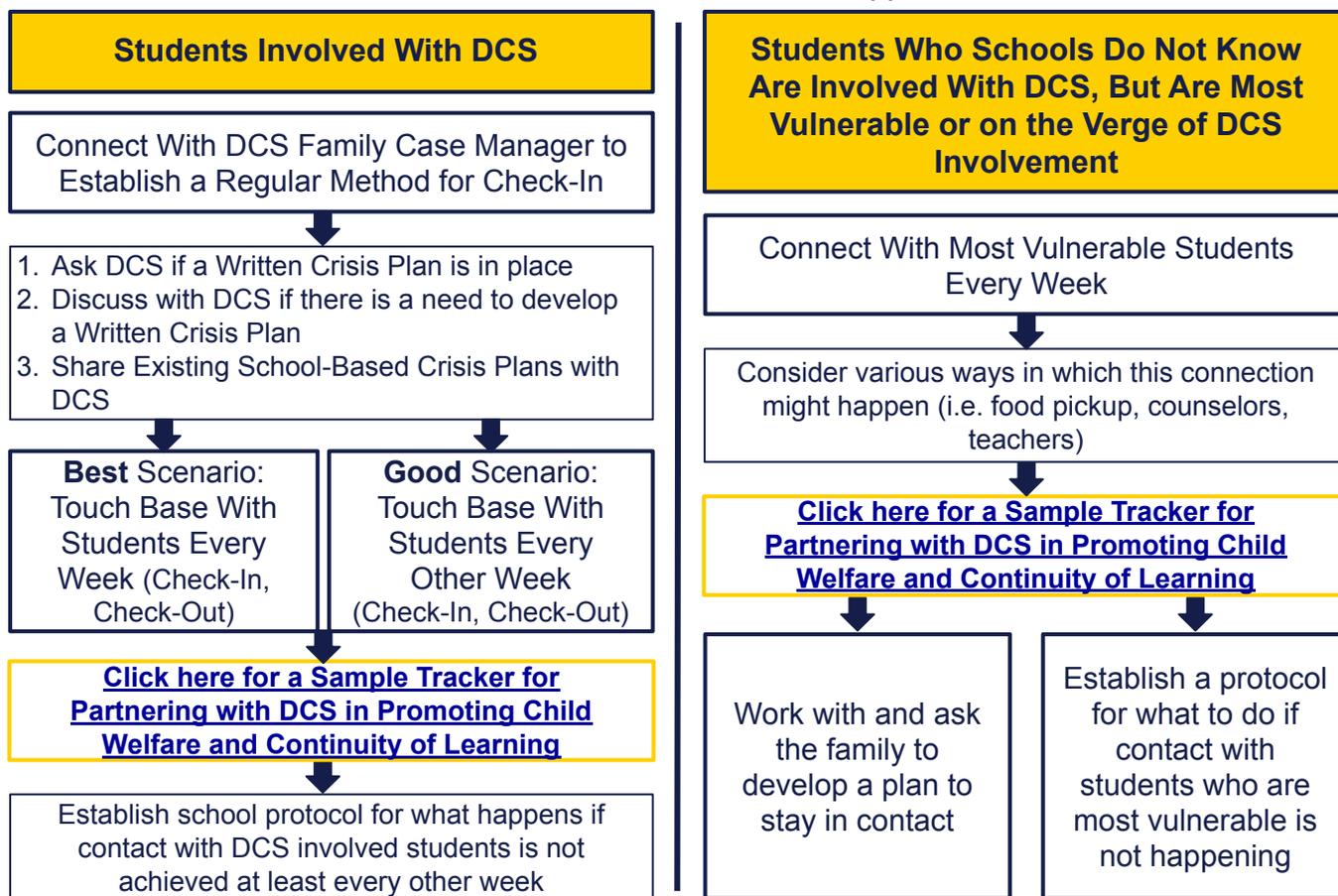
**Resources:**

[IDOE Child Abuse Website](#)



[Contact Information for Local DCS Offices in Each County](#)

In terms of child welfare, student needs may be grouped into two categories, each having different recommendations for support:



- Schools should establish protocols for communicating with DCS when operating in an eLearning format, operating in an extended learning format, when utilizing COVID-19 waiver days, and when dismissed for breaks.
- How can DCS get in touch with LEA Foster Care Points of Contact in the event DCS must move or place a foster youth, or has another emergency issue around which to connect?
- IDOE has a mechanism for emergency contact with each school corporation to utilize as a last resort.