

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Jeff Wittman
School Social Work and Foster Youth Specialist

Date: August 17, 2018

Re: ESSA Foster Youth Point of Contact

This memo is a reminder the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each school corporation to identify a single point of contact (POC) for working with foster youth. The identified POC will assist the Indiana Department of Child Services with the process of placing foster youth in their best interest educational setting, enrolled immediately, and with the appropriate transportation resources in place.

The identified POC will receive all school notifications from DCS (I.C. 31-34-3-4.7).

The ESSA requirements for foster youth and additional resources are located [here](#).

Please send the foster youth POC information to:

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For additional questions, please contact Jeff Wittman at jwittman@doe.in.gov.