

INDIANA COMMISSION ON COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS (CCAA)



COUNTY
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CONFERENCE
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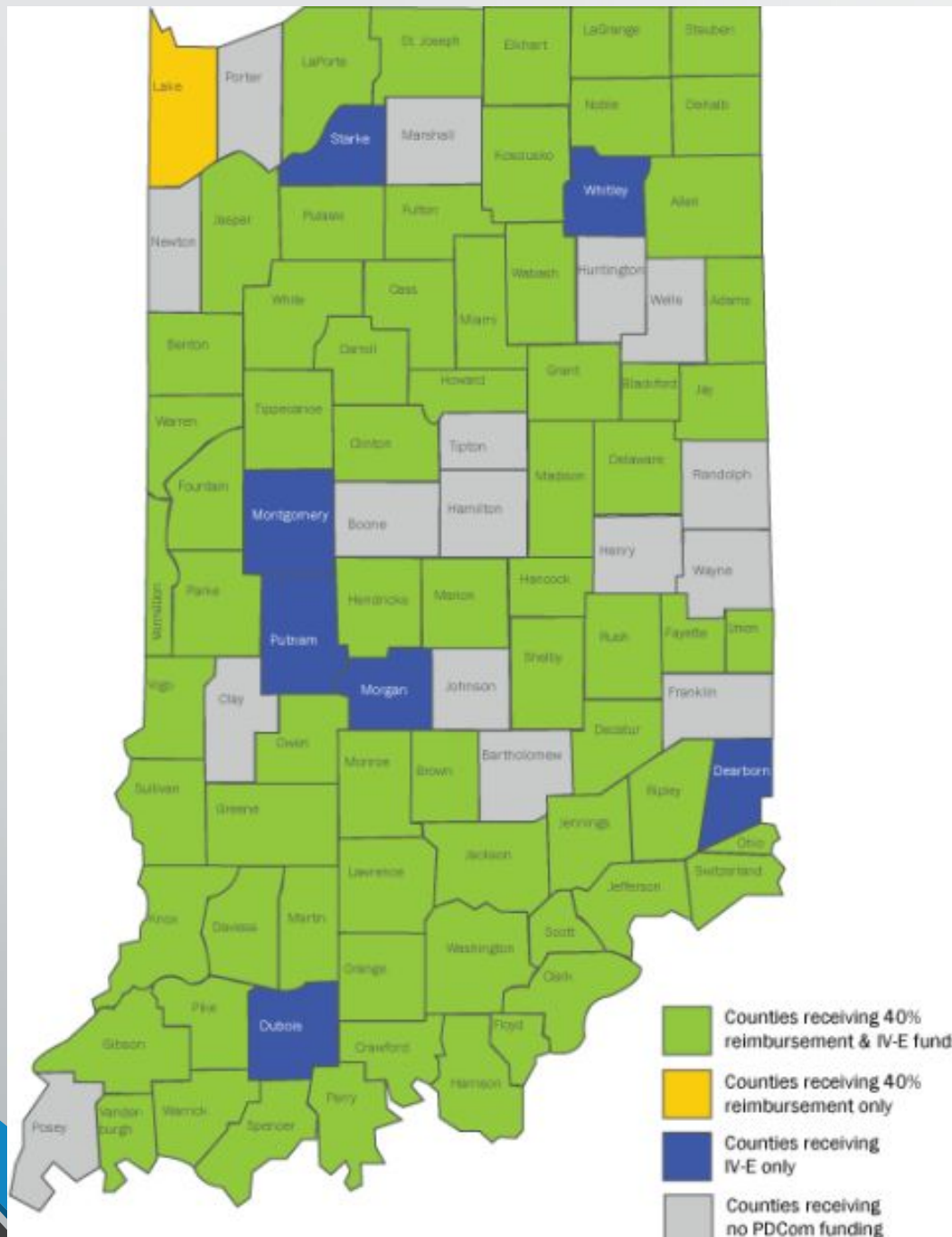
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1. Brief Overview of the Commission

- The Indiana and U.S. Constitutions and state statutes give Hoosiers the right to a lawyer for trials and appeals of the following:
 - adult criminal cases (felony and misdemeanor)
 - children in delinquency cases
 - parents in CHINS and termination of parental rights cases
 - some child support & mental health commitment proceedings
- The Constitution says it is the STATE that has this responsibility. Indiana has designated counties (as creations of the state) to manage this.
- However, the State helps counties through the Commission. If counties are willing to follow our standards (to make sure lawyers are qualified and not over-worked or under-paid), the Commission reimburses counties for **40 % most public defense related expenses**. Counties may pool their resources and form PD Office Regions as well

1. Brief Overview of the Commission

- 68 “Commission Counties” are currently receiving reimbursement.
- There is one “regional” system. Fountain, Vermillion, and Parke created the “West Central Indiana Public Defender Office.”
- If your county is in gray, I’d love to chat with you today.



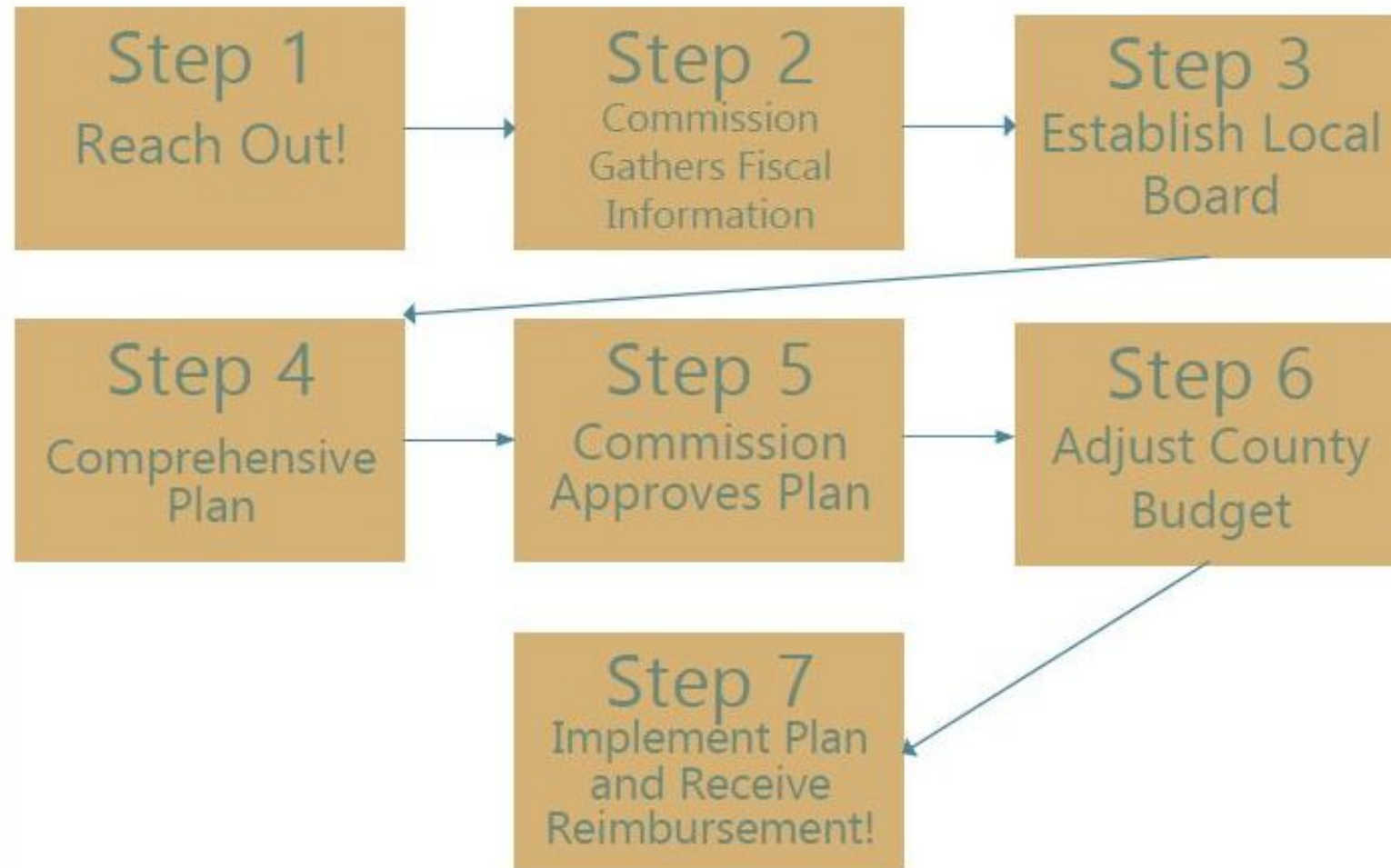
1. Brief Overview of the

| County | Capital | Non-Capital | Total Reimbursement | Non-Capital Participation |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| ADAMS | \$24,093.55 | \$2,147,954.02 | \$2,172,047.57 | 2000-Present |
| ALLEN | \$392,175.95 | \$26,123,812.92 | \$26,515,988.87 | 2000-Present |
| BENTON | \$0.00 | \$467,936.74 | \$467,936.74 | 1998-Present |
| BLACKFORD | \$0.00 | \$1,039,897.37 | \$1,039,897.37 | 2000-Present |
| BOONE | \$458,377.16 | \$0.00 | \$458,377.16 | |
| BROWN | \$0.00 | \$570,179.01 | \$570,179.01 | 2012-2017, 2019-Present |
| CARROLL | \$43,090.70 | \$1,077,576.16 | \$1,120,666.86 | 2001-Present |
| CASS | \$0.00 | \$2,098,559.62 | \$2,098,559.62 | 2013-Present |
| CLARK | \$539,030.42 | \$6,959,185.93 | \$7,498,216.35 | 1995-Present |
| CLINTON | \$213,065.73 | \$577,749.19 | \$790,814.92 | 2018-Present |
| CRAWFORD | \$0.00 | \$134,692.20 | \$134,692.20 | 2021-Present |
| DAVISS | \$6,150.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,150.00 | |
| DECATUR | \$0.00 | \$1,477,516.18 | \$1,477,516.18 | 1999-Present |
| DEKALB | \$0.00 | \$1,877,551.06 | \$1,877,551.06 | 2016-Present |
| DELAWARE | \$307,403.49 | \$6,372,938.40 | \$6,680,341.89 | 2011-Present |
| ELKHART | \$99,831.80 | \$3,513,767.18 | \$3,613,598.98 | 2020-Present |
| FAYETTE | \$0.00 | \$2,513,524.97 | \$2,513,524.97 | 1989-Present |
| FLOYD | \$404,055.07 | \$5,640,745.66 | \$6,044,800.73 | 1997-Present |
| FOUNTAIN* (SEE ALSO WCI PDO) | \$59,553.05 | \$763,120.06 | \$822,673.11 | 1999-Present |
| FULTON | \$167,001.92 | \$1,612,167.13 | \$1,779,169.05 | 1998-Present |
| GIBSON | \$40,865.05 | \$745,255.22 | \$786,121.27 | 2020-Present |
| GRANT | \$0.00 | \$6,472,581.61 | \$6,472,581.61 | 2003-Present |
| GREENE | \$28,435.81 | \$2,922,443.26 | \$2,950,879.07 | 2000-Present |
| HAMILTON | \$230,965.24 | \$0.00 | \$230,965.24 | |
| HANCOCK | \$2,064.00 | \$3,804,604.75 | \$3,806,668.75 | 1999-Present |
| HARRISON | \$923,472.27 | \$560,134.36 | \$1,383,606.63 | |
| HENDRICKS | \$0.00 | \$3,400,666.84 | \$3,400,666.84 | 2017-Present |
| HENRY | \$76,311.74 | \$773,998.32 | \$850,310.06 | 1999-2008 |
| HOWARD | \$0.00 | \$8,910,822.22 | \$8,910,822.22 | 2004-Present |
| JACKSON | \$0.00 | \$2,249,492.73 | \$2,249,492.73 | 2015-Present |
| JASPER | \$47,240.91 | \$1,702,389.56 | \$1,749,630.47 | 1999-Present |
| JAY | \$0.00 | \$2,237,342.17 | \$2,237,342.17 | 2000-Present |
| JEFFERSON | \$87,054.05 | \$1,578,093.77 | \$1,665,147.82 | 2017-Present |
| JENNINGS | \$0.00 | \$1,885,671.64 | \$1,885,671.64 | 1999-Present |
| JOHNSON | \$217,557.21 | \$0.00 | \$217,557.21 | |
| KNOX | \$54,275.54 | \$4,516,923.02 | \$4,571,198.56 | 1999-Present |
| KOSCIUSKO | \$0.00 | \$3,913,021.16 | \$3,913,021.16 | 2000-Present |
| LaGRANGE | \$0.00 | \$980,512.69 | \$980,512.69 | 2010-Present |
| LAKE | \$2,142,552.82 | \$33,146,193.26 | \$35,288,746.08 | 1999-Present |
| LaPORTE | \$59,311.47 | \$5,611,910.47 | \$5,671,221.94 | 1995-Present |
| LAWRENCE | \$0.00 | \$3,548,037.80 | \$3,548,037.80 | 2011-Present |
| MADISON | \$583,133.21 | \$14,655,334.06 | \$15,238,467.27 | 1998-Present |

How much money has your county received?

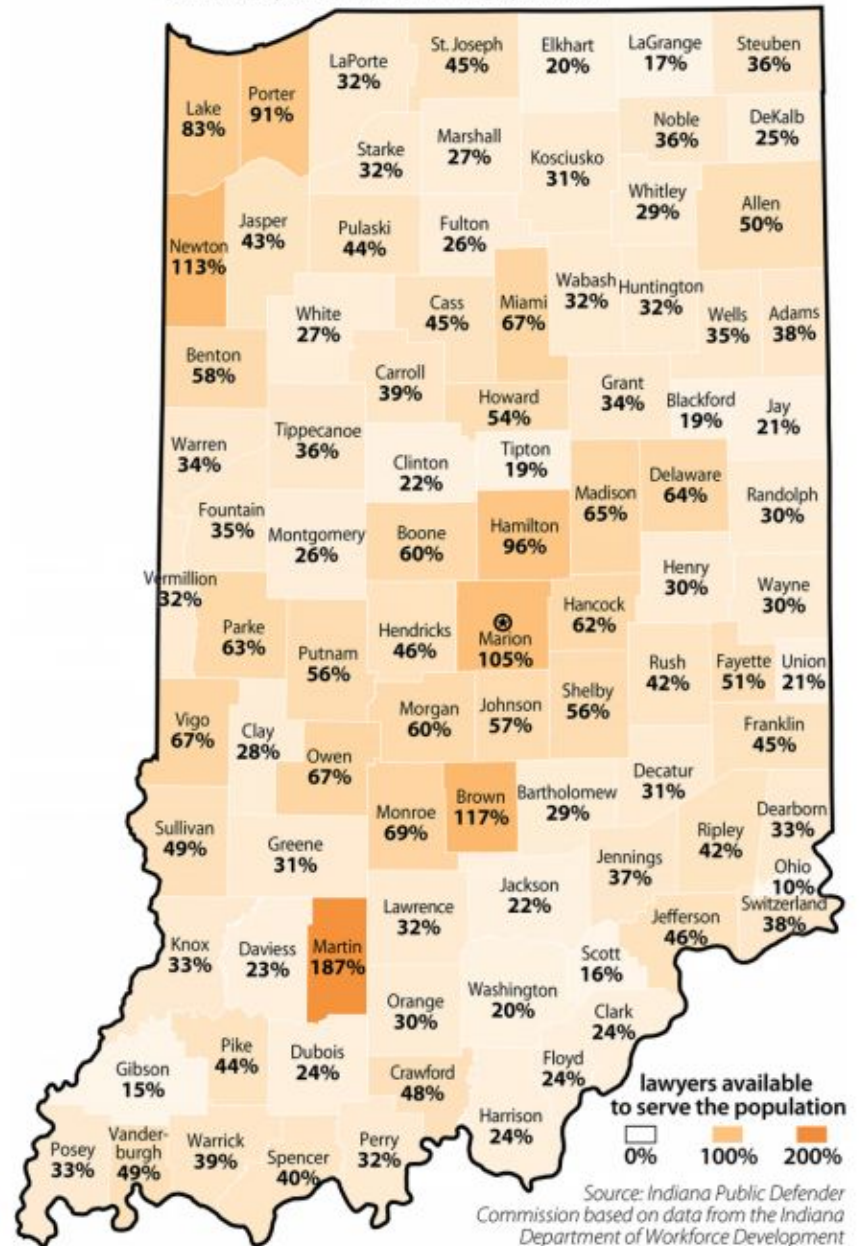
| County | Capital | Non-Capital | Total Reimbursement | Non-Capital Participation |
|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| MARION | \$4,202,443.59 | \$130,121,810.19 | \$134,324,253.78 | 1995-Present |
| MARTIN | \$0.00 | \$1,027,518.72 | \$1,027,518.72 | 1999-Present |
| MIAMI | \$17,918.79 | \$1,958,440.59 | \$1,976,359.38 | 1995-2007, 2018-Present |
| MONROE | \$0.00 | \$12,146,166.62 | \$12,146,166.62 | 2000-Present |
| MONTGOMERY | \$0.00 | \$1,080,445.33 | \$1,080,445.33 | 1995-2013 |
| MORGAN | \$511,283.37 | \$0.00 | \$511,283.37 | |
| NOBLE | \$0.00 | \$4,014,707.13 | \$4,014,707.13 | 2001-Present |
| OHIO | \$0.00 | \$512,326.82 | \$512,326.82 | 1999-Present |
| ORANGE | \$0.00 | \$2,180,679.31 | \$2,180,679.31 | 1995-Present |
| OWEN | \$0.00 | \$822,861.77 | \$822,861.77 | 2015-Present |
| PARKE* (SEE ALSO WCI PDO) | \$405,587.58 | \$967,650.43 | \$1,373,238.01 | 1996-Present |
| PERRY | \$0.00 | \$1,507,441.11 | \$1,507,441.11 | 2004-Present |
| PIKE | \$16,890.76 | \$1,365,403.45 | \$1,382,294.21 | 2001-Present |
| PORTER | \$83,653.84 | \$0.00 | \$83,653.84 | |
| POSEY | \$75,447.10 | \$0.00 | \$75,447.10 | |
| PULASKI | \$0.00 | \$1,582,424.47 | \$1,582,424.47 | 1999-Present |
| PUTNAM | \$128,306.40 | \$0.00 | \$128,306.40 | |
| RANDOLPH | \$25,308.56 | \$0.00 | \$25,308.56 | |
| RIPLEY | \$0.00 | \$761,505.84 | \$761,505.84 | 2014-Present |
| RUSH | \$0.00 | \$1,839,647.60 | \$1,839,647.60 | 2001-Present |
| ST. JOSEPH | \$85,691.69 | \$12,446,493.06 | \$12,532,184.75 | 2007-Present |
| SCOTT | \$0.00 | \$1,510,848.68 | \$1,510,848.68 | 2000-2009, 2018-Present |
| SHELBY | \$40,347.59 | \$3,370,226.63 | \$3,410,574.22 | 1999-Present |
| SPENCER | \$348,321.01 | \$1,433,044.68 | \$1,781,365.69 | 1999-Present |
| STEUEN | \$117,935.92 | \$2,140,621.27 | \$2,258,557.19 | 2001-Present |
| SULLIVAN | \$70,575.60 | \$1,044,046.00 | \$1,114,621.60 | 1999-Present |
| SWITZERLAND | \$0.00 | \$1,276,248.14 | \$1,276,248.14 | 1999-Present |
| TIPPECANOE | \$85,663.35 | \$15,030,452.60 | \$15,116,115.95 | 2004-Present |
| UNION | \$0.00 | \$458,750.15 | \$458,750.15 | 1999-Present |
| VANDERBURGH | \$852,201.82 | \$18,073,497.50 | \$18,925,699.32 | 2000-Present |
| VERMILLION* (SEE ALSO WCI PDO) | \$0.00 | \$1,152,355.89 | \$1,152,355.89 | 1997-Present |
| VIGO | \$153,767.89 | \$13,861,474.42 | \$14,015,242.31 | 1999-Present |
| WABASH | \$0.00 | \$1,678,838.36 | \$1,678,838.36 | 2007-Present |
| WARREN | \$0.00 | \$315,323.62 | \$315,323.62 | 1996-Present |
| WARRICK | \$481,596.53 | \$532,429.06 | \$1,014,025.59 | |
| WASHINGTON | \$3,877.66 | \$3,286,373.08 | \$3,290,250.74 | 2000-Present |
| Wayne | \$3,363.90 | \$0.00 | \$3,363.90 | |
| WCI PDO - FOUNTAIN, PARKE, VERMILLION* | \$0.00 | \$138,513.37 | \$138,513.37 | 2022-Present |
| WHITE | \$0.00 | \$32,777.70 | \$32,777.70 | 2001-2002 |
| WHITLEY | \$0.00 | \$213,243.89 | \$213,243.89 | 1999-2008 |

How to Join the Commission



Lawyer shortage

Labor data shows Indiana is suffering from a lawyer shortage that spans urban and rural counties. The percentage given for each county represents how many attorneys are present compared to what they should have for the population.



lawyers available to serve the population
0% 100% 200%

Source: Indiana Public Defender Commission based on data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development

3. Indiana's Lawyer Shortage



Data shows Indiana has lawyer shortage; public sector feeling the pain

October 27, 2021 | Marilyn Odendahl

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3. Indiana's Lawyer Shortage

- Other States Have Reached Crisis Level

NEW MEXICO NEWS

Public defenders say there's a severe shortage of attorneys in New Mexico

by: [Ariana Kraft](#)
Posted: Sep 29, 2022 / 05:22 PM MDT
Updated: Sep 29, 2022 / 07:21 PM MDT



'No sense of justice': Hundreds cycling through Oregon courts without public defenders

Updated: Sep. 27, 2022, 3:49 p.m. | Published: Sep. 26, 2022, 6:00 a.m.



Class action lawsuit calls out lack of state public defenders

Plaintiffs include inmates who have been waiting months to be assigned attorneys

By Evan Casey
Published: Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 5:30pm



MAINE POLITICS

Gov. Mills and legislative leaders urged to approve emergency funding of \$13.3 million for public defender

The shortage of lawyers accepting new cases is at a "crisis" stage and could collapse the statewide public defense system by spring.

3. *Indiana's Lawyer Shortage*

- Why should your county care about the lawyer shortage?
- Lawyers want to be paid fairly and not over-worked. Following the Commission's Standards & Guidelines make public defense jobs in counties more attractive to a limited pool of attorneys.



4. Title IV-E Federal Money

ALL Indiana Counties are eligible to receive Federal Title IV-E reimbursement for a portion of the county's public defense expenses that have **ALREADY** been spent on Department of Child Services (DCS) cases. These funds are in addition to Commission reimbursement.

No compliance with Commission standards is necessary. There is currently no requirement from the federal government for how to spend these dollars, but the Commission encourages counties to put these funds toward public defense costs.

Two simple steps are required to begin receiving these new federal dollars:

1. Sign an agreement required by DCS, and
2. Submit quarterly public defense information on the Commission's forms so we know how much money to send your county each quarter.

If your county is **NOT** receiving these funds, please contact the Commission's Director of Operations, Jennifer Pinkston at Jennifer.Pinkston@ccaa.in.gov

5. At-Risk Youth Funding

- Partially in response to concerns regarding DCS, the legislature appropriated \$2 million in additional funds to the Commission.
- The funding has allowed us to invest in significant long-term efforts:
 - (1) to create long-term improvements in systems that serve Indiana at-risk youth and families involved with Indiana's family/child welfare system, the juvenile delinquency system, or both, and
 - (2) to create system improvements that proactively prevent such involvements.



FUNDING IS AVAILABLE ON A ROLLING BASIS.

6. Why a strong PD system matters



LIBERTY RIGHTS MATTER TO HOOSIERS

- **When the government knocks on your door to take you to jail or remove children from your home, you need advice from a lawyer who is properly trained, not over-worked, and fairly compensated for their skillset.**



[Click here to read the Commission's FY 22-23 Annual Report](#)

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