

LCCS POLICY 630

Placement Services for Infant of Incarcerated Mothers

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Scope:	Assessment and Family Services Caseworkers, Supervisors and Managers.
Responsibility:	Assessment caseworkers, Family Services caseworkers
Purpose:	To assure that services are provided for any incarcerated mother from Lucas County in placing an infant born to her during her incarceration
Legal Cite:	O.R.C. §§§ 5103.03, 5153.16, OAC 5101:2-39-45, 5101:2-42-60, 5101:2-42-61, 5101:2-42-90

POLICY STATEMENT

LCCS will assess placement options for infants born to an incarcerated mother from Lucas County.

LCCS will provide the correctional facility with a written report regarding its placement recommendation.

PROCEDURE

LCCS will study substitute care settings identified by the mother. LCCS will recommend approval of those care settings, or where approval cannot be recommended; LCCS will find and make a placement in another suitable substitute care setting.

When a correctional facility makes a referral regarding a Lucas County resident who is pregnant and incarcerated, an Assessment Worker of Record (or Family Services Worker of Record if the case is currently open with Agency) will be assigned to study placement alternatives for the infant.

The Worker of Record will:

- Gather any necessary information regarding the mother.
- Contact the identified care provider to determine their interest in caring for the child.

- Complete a Relative Homestudy (LCCS 8699) and submit a written report, including recommendations, to the correctional facility.
- **If the homestudy is approved**, make arrangements for the infant to be picked up and transported to the placement.
- **If the homestudy is not approved**, make arrangements for another relative or the agency to take custody of the infant.
- When necessary, assist the relative in obtaining public assistance for the infant.

If **Urgent Placement Services** are needed for the infant of an incarcerated mother, LCCS shall proceed in accordance with OAC 5101:2-42-61.

CASE PRACTICE GUIDES

RELATED POLICIES and FORMS

LCCS Policy 600 (Family Case Conference)

LCCS Policy 620 (Agreement for Temporary Custody)

LCCS Policy 650 (Temporary Custody/Placements With Relatives At Shelter Care)

LCCS Form #8699 (Homestudy/Re-evaluation for Traditional/Non-Traditional Relative Placements)