

Interstate Compact on Placement of Children

Ensuring Adequate Protection & Support Services Across State Lines

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ICPC: Ensuring Adequate Protection & Support Services

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IMPLEMENTING ICPC

Ensuring Adequate Protection & Support Services

ICPC: History

ICPC: Adequate Protection & Support Services

Authorizing **contract between states** to work together to ensure children placed across state lines for foster care or adoption receive adequate protection and support services

> Establishes procedures for the placement of children and responsibility for agencies and individuals involved in placing children

State must enact provisions of ICPC into law

Family Code 7900 et seq

ICPC: Purpose

Child is placed in a suitable environment

Receiving state has opportunity to assess that proposed placement is not contrary to interests of child and that its applicable laws and policies have been followed before it approves placement

Sending state obtains enough information to evaluate proposed placement Care of the child is promoted through appropriate jurisdictional arrangements

Sending agency or individual guarantees child legal and financial protection

ICPC Article I

ICPC: *Definitions*

sending agency/state is a state; court of a state; person, corporation, association, charitable agency or other entity which sends, brings, or causes to be sent or brought any child to another state

receiving state is the state to which the child is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought for placement with state or local public authorities, or for placement with private agencies or persons

placement is arrangement for care of a child in a foster home or in a child-caring agency or institution, including placement with a relative, or into pre-adoptive home



ICPC: Interstate Placements Subject to ICPC

Placements:

- Preliminary to an adoption;
- Into foster care, including foster homes, group homes, residential treatment facilities, and institutions;
- With relatives when a parent, relative or guardian is not making the placement,
- Of adjudicated delinquents in institutions in other states,



ICPC Regulation 3; California Rule of Court 5.616(g)

ICPC: Interstate Placements NOT Subject to ICPC





Placements:

- Into schools where primary purpose for placement is educational; or
- Into medical and mental facilities; or
- Made by a child's parent, stepparent, grandparent, adult sister or brother, adult aunt, or uncle, or non-agency guardian with any such relative or nonagency guardian.
- With an out of state parent in some circumstances when placement is not made by a parent, relative, or guardian.

ICPC: *First Steps*

Prior to ICPC placement

Written Notice using Form ICPC-100A including:

- name, date and place of birth of child;
- identity and address or addresses of parents or legal guardian;
- name and address of person, agency or institution to or with which the sending agency proposes to place the child, and
- full statement of the reasons for such proposed action.

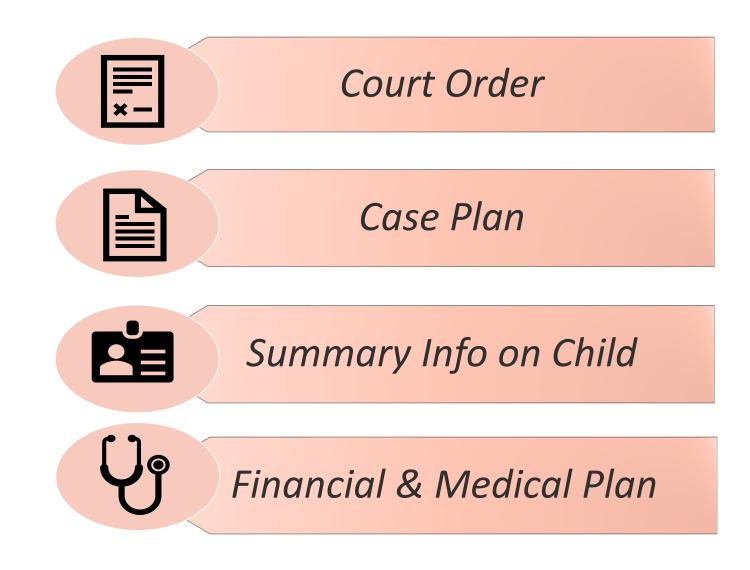
ICPC: Forms for Placement Request

contract between sending state and receiving state

placement cannot be made until ICPC 100A signed by both states

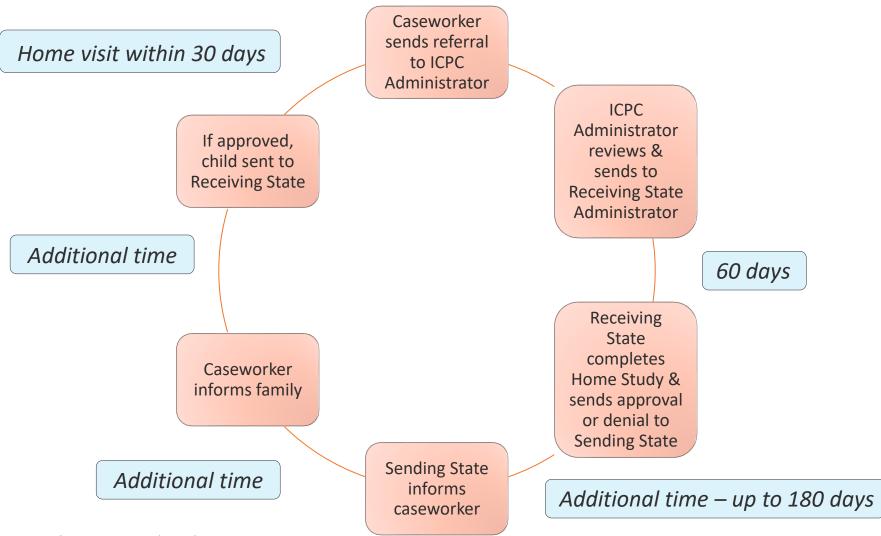
ICPC 100B informs receiving state when a child is placed into that state & informs receiving or sending state when case is closed

ICPC: *Documents For Placement Request*



ICPC Regulation 1

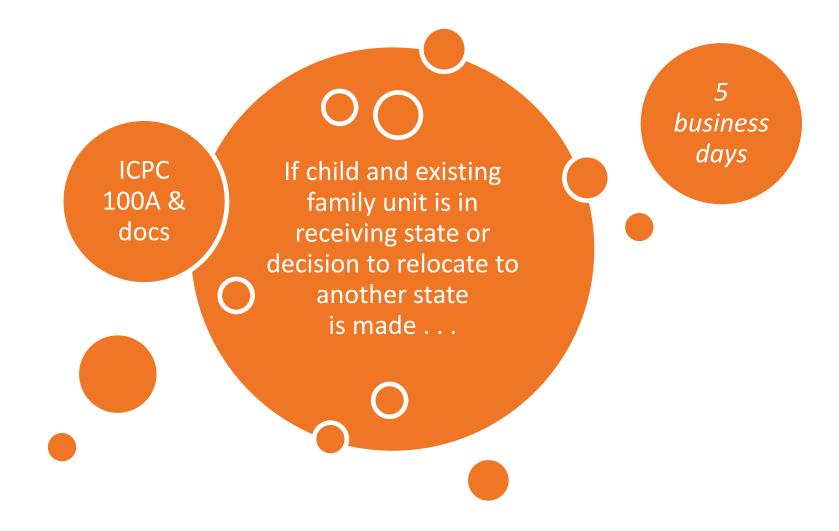
ICPC: *Process* & *Timeline*



ICPC Regulation 5 & Family Code 7901.1 & 7906.5

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ICPC: *Provisional Approval for Relocation of Family Unit*



ICPC: *Expedited Placement Requirements*

Court finding that child:

- 1. Is a dependent child removed from and no longer residing in parent's home,
- 2. Is being considered for placement with a stepparent, grandparent, adult aunt or uncle, adult sibling, or legal guardian in another state, and
- 3. One of the following priority criteria:
 - Unexpected dependency due to sudden or recent incarceration, incapacitation, or death of parent or guardian;
 - Child is 4 years of age or younger or part of sibling group to be placed where one of sibling is 4 years of age or younger;
 - Child or siblings in sibling group to be placed has substantial relationship with proposed placement; or
 - Child is in an emergency placement

ICPC: Responsibility

Sending agency has authority and responsibility to determine all matters in relation to:

- custody,
- supervision,
- care,
- treatment, and disposition of child,
- just as the sending agency would have if child remained in sending agency state.



ICPC Article V(a)

ICPC: Supervision of ICPC Placement

- Receiving state provides courtesy supervision of child in outof-state foster family home.
- California sending agency is responsible for supervising placement when a California dependent or ward of juvenile court is placed in an out-of-state residential facility or group home.



ICPC: *Visits vs. Placements*

Visits and placements are distinguished on the basis of purpose, duration, and the intention of the person or agency with responsibility for planning for the child as to the child's place of abode.

- **Purpose** is to provide social or cultural experience of short duration, such as a stay in a camp or with friend or relative who has not assumed legal responsibility for providing child care services
- Duration no longer than thirty days, unless period of child's school vacation
- Visit not subject to ICPC



ICPC: *Closing* **ICPC** *Placement*



An ICPC case can be closed only when:

- child is adopted;
- reaches age of majority;
- becomes self-supporting, or
- sending and receiving state agree ICPC case can be closed.

ICPC: Illegal ICPC Placements

Interstate placements made in violation of the law constitute a violation of the "laws respecting the placement of children of both the state in which the sending agency is located or, from which it sends or brings the child and of the receiving state."



ICPC: California Contacts

Parent, relative and foster family home placements:

• local county child welfare services agencies

Public adoption placements:

 licensed public adoption agencies and CDSS Adoption District Offices (for counties that do not have a public adoption agency)

Private adoption placements, including international adoptions:

• California full-service licensed private adoption agencies

Independent adoption placements:

 public adoption agencies for Alameda, Los Angeles and San Diego counties and CDSS Adoption District Offices

Group home placements:

CDSS

ICPC: SPECIAL TOPICS

Funding, Extended Foster Care, RFA and ICWA

ICPC: Foster Care Funding



Sending state has financial responsibility and elects to pay rate established by receiving state or their own rate

Rate shall not exceed current STRTP rate

ACL 10-21, ACL 16-79, and ICPC State Pages – California Info http://icpcstatepages.org/California/info/

ICPC: Timing of Funding

- In order to receive foster care benefits, the home must meet the licensing/approval standards of the receiving state
 - For California dependent children placed out of state (even if placed with relatives), they are eligible for the receiving state's rate once the home is approved/licensed according to the receiving state's standards regardless of the child's federal eligibility



ACL 10-21 and ICPC State Pages – California Info http://icpcstatepages.org/California/info/

ICPC: *Extended Foster Care if Allowed by Receiving State*

Out-of-state group homes:

- after 18 if finishing high school or is a short-term transition period to a more family-like or less restrictive setting or
- documented medical condition while transitioning to appropriate system of care
- SILP:
 - after 18 if consistent with developmental needs of NMD and must be specified in case plan

*If the receiving state is unwilling to supervise an NMD, the county sending agency must make other supervision arrangements.

ICPC Regulation 3 & ACL 14-33, Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 5.616(b)(2)

ICPC: Interaction with Resource Family Approval



- RFA does not supersede ICPC timelines and requirements.
- Families in CA who want to take placement of a child who is adjudicated in another state must meet RFA.
- CA foster children who are being placed out of state have to be placed in homes approved according to that state's licensing standards.

CDSS RFA Written Directives v. 5 Sec. 1-03 and ACL 17-50 (RFA Equivalency Letter)

ICPC: *Interaction with Indian Child Welfare Act*

ICPC does not apply to any placement of an Indian child into another state related to transfer of jurisdiction to a Tribal Court under ICWA.

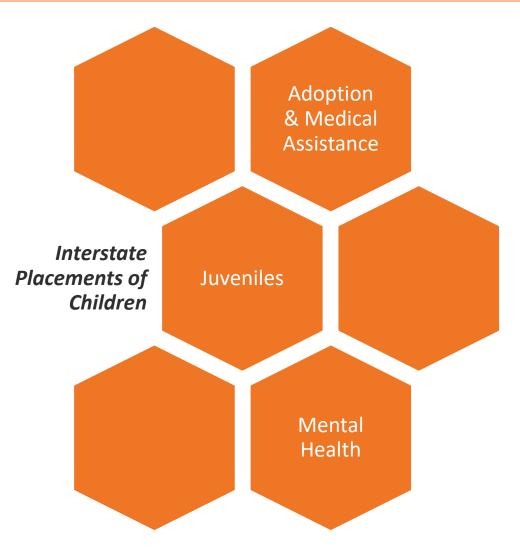


Family Code 7907.3 CA Tribal Courts - http://www.courts.ca.gov/14400.htm

RELATED STATE COMPACTS

Ensuring Adequate Protection & Support Services

ICPC: *Related State Compacts*



FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

Supporting ICPC Placements

FFPSA: Supporting Interstate Placements

Requires all states utilize NEICE - electronic interstate case processing system - by 10/1/27

- ACL 17-113 invited county child welfare agencies in California to participate in NEICE
- Federal legislation would make \$5 million in funding available to states to join NEICE

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ICPC Regulations https://aphsa.org/AAICPC/AAICPC/ICPC Regulations.aspx

ICPC State Pages – California Info http://icpcstatepages.org/California/info/

ICPC Request (Form 100A) http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/res/pdf/ICPC100A.pdf

ICPC Report on Child's Placement Status (Form 100B) http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/res/pdf/ICPC100B.pdf

ICPC Expedited Placement Request (Form JV 565) http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jv565.pdf

ICPC Expedited Placement Findings and Order (Form JV 567) http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jv567.pdf

ICPC State Contacts https://aphsa.org/AAICPC/AAICPC/Resources.aspx

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