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- State Law Change
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- Initiated by CDSS

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
 ALL PUBLIC ADOPTION AGENCIES
 ALL LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCIES
 ALL CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS) STATE ADOPTION OFFICES
 ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
 ALL INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) COUNTY LIAISONS
 ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (AAICPC) 2015 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The purpose of this ACIN is to inform counties and other individuals involved in the administration of the ICPC of the 2015 Annual AAICPC Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for April 24-28, 2015, in Reno, Nevada. The CDSS would like to strongly encourage interested county staff, particularly those responsible for the interstate placement of children, to attend this meeting.

This year's meeting is especially important because the states will be discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the current ICPC and whether the AAICPC should support movement towards enacting the New ICPC or some form of federalization of the ICPC. While all of these options have their advantages and limitations, it is important that as a decentralized state, especially one the size of California, we add our collective voice in support of the option that best supports our mission as a state to ensure the protection of children who are placed into or out of California. In the event there is a vote on this issue at this meeting, CDSS would like to ensure that our vote represents the interests of all counties. Your county's presence at the meeting will help us meet that goal.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for all compact members and administrators to receive the most recent training on the ICPC and to share information and best practices regarding interstate placements, current compact requirements, and regulations. The meeting will provide liaisons and interested parties with the opportunity to provide input and gain a better understanding of the overall requirements that must be complied with when placing via the ICPC.

The ICPC training sessions begin on Friday, April 24, 2015. All participants will be able to attend either a beginner or an advanced ICPC session depending on their level of expertise and/or years of experience working in the ICPC field. These trainings play a vital role in helping to resolve interstate issues with other states and to ensure positive outcomes for children placed across state lines. As part of each training session participants will receive an updated ICPC training manual as a reference. Participants will be introduced to compact law, the varied types of interstate placement, and the intricacies of the ICPC administrative process. Participants will also engage in complex case review and analysis and learn key tools and strategies for how to facilitate the interstate placement process through multidisciplinary relationships that include the courts, attorneys, families, placement resources, and court appointed special advocates.

Over the last few years many of the compact regulations governing the ICPC have been modified. As a result, the training offered at this meeting will provide an excellent foundation for understanding of these changes. It will also give county liaisons the chance to meet their fellow state liaisons with whom they do business, thereby improving these relationships and the placement process for children placed out of state.

At this year's ICPC business meeting, there will also be a nomination and election of new Executive Committee Members. California's Deputy Compact Administrator will confer with the county representatives in attendance to help inform the single state vote for prospective Executive Committee Members and for any other votes raised to the membership at the meeting. There will also be discussion and status reports from the various AAICPC subcommittees that have been working on interstate placement issues. These subcommittees include: The Annual Business Meeting, Data, Forms, the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise, Performance Improvement, Parental Placements, Rehoming, and the State Pages. In addition, there will be some informative sessions focused on some of the newer issues facing ICPC liaisons and child welfare services agencies.

For more information on the ICPC or the upcoming business meeting, including the agenda and registration information, visit the AAICPC website and click the conference tab: <http://www.aphsa.org/content/AAICPC/en/home.html>.

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If you have any questions regarding this ACIN, please contact Devina Sloan at (916) 651-8122.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

2015 Annual AAICPC
Business Meeting | Training Workshop | Child Welfare
Conference

Preliminary Agenda

April 24-28, 2015 Siena Hotel, Reno, Nevada

Friday, April 24, 2015 (8:30 a.m.) — Saturday, April 25, 2015 (12:00 p.m.)

Breakfast and Lunch Included

ICPC Beginners Track I and Intermediate/Advanced Track II Training—

Offered over one and one half (1½) days and includes:

Beginners Track I – an introduction and review of the ICPC administrative process to include application of articles, regulations and utilization of forms; the content of an ICPC referral; how to recognize ICPC and Non-ICPC cases; and managing timeframes for timely placements

Intermediate/Advanced Track II– a review and high level discussion of complex cases, the duties and responsibilities of ICPC Staff in facilitating the courts, working with the multi-disciplinary teams, families and locals throughout the ICPC process and resolving conflict of laws, administrative. In addition, the training will offer review the systems and administrative and provide tools and techniques for managing an efficient ICPC office with limited staff and resources, etc.

Training is open to all participants (cost: additional \$150 fee for full registrants; and \$225 for all others)

Training materials included.

Saturday, April 25, 2015 (1:00 p.m.) — Sunday, April 26, 2015 (5:00 p.m.)

Breakfast included Lunch on your own

AAICPC Business Meeting Parts 1 and 2 (ICPC Administration)

The AAICPC Business Meeting is Mandatory for all Compact/Deputy Compact Administrators or Designee. States Must Be Present to Vote.

The business meeting convenes party states to address important matters concerning the administration of the ICPC. In addition, it provides a forum for all member and nonmember attendees to participate in important review and discussion of ICPC policies, procedures and practices. *All full registrants may participate in the Business Meeting.*

Discussion and Voting Matters:

- Review the 2014–2015 AAICPC Work Plan and Accomplishments**—AAICPC subcommittees will report and provide updates on deliverables and accomplishments during the 2014 -2015 term.
- ICPC Legal Framework** – Member states will review the pros and cons of the Current ICPC, New ICPC or National Uniformity/Federal governance of the ICPC. Which offers the best legal framework to promote uniformity, compliance, enforcement, expedited enactment, and a sound financial structure for governing interstate placements? Member state will vote on which legal framework should be promoted to govern interstate placements.
- AAICPC Infrastructure** – Member States will continue discussions with APHSA about the AAICPC operational and financial infrastructure. Should the AAICPC be a separate legal entity? Is the current financial and operational structure adequate to support and sustain the ICPC administration’s growing numbers and the emerging issues related to interstate placements such as Rehoming, Sex Trafficking, and implementing and scaling the NEICE?
- National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE)**—UPDATE: The NEICE is being celebrated as one of the most successful innovative technological pilots in health and human services! The electronic web-based data system exchanges case files and data elements between states in real time. It was developed to remove administrative barriers and inefficiencies in the ICPC process. The seventeen-month pilot was initiated in September 2013 and was funded through an innovation grant by the Office of Management and Budget, Partnership Fund for Program Integrity Innovation. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children’s Bureau was selected as the lead agency to administer the funds to the APHSA and its affiliate, AAICPC through a cooperative agreement. The AAICPC will receive a live demonstration of the NEICE system and presented with preliminary results and data outcomes from the NEICE evaluation. APHSA and the AAICPC will review and discuss costs to scale and implement the NEICE in all compact jurisdictions (the 50 states, U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia). The six pilot states (DC, FL, IN, NV, SC, and WI) will discuss how the NEICE has impacted interstate placements in their states, next steps and efforts to maintain NEICE operations post-pilot.
- AAICPC Elections: President, Vice President, Treasurer and 3 At-Large Positions are open for nomination.**

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2015 Annual AAICPC

Business Meeting | Training Workshop | Child Welfare Conference

Preliminary Agenda

April 24-28, 2015 Siena Hotel, Reno, Nevada

Monday, April 27, 2015 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Local Day

Breakfast and Lunch Included

Understanding International Needs in Interstate Placements—State and local human service agencies are seeing an influx in the volume and services needed by unaccompanied minors, immigrants, and military families in foreign duty locations. This session will provide an overview of the issues agencies face when interstate placements require international services, such as home studies, supervision, wrap-around services and family finding efforts to meet the needs of children in the child welfare system. There will be a panel discussion to outline the options available when working to identify international resources for unaccompanied minors, and undocumented families and children from other countries. Additionally, participants will discuss how state and local governments are addressing the recently issued executive order released by President Obama regarding immigration. International Social Services (ISS), federal agencies and international consulates will provide information that will assist states in handling requests that require international services.

Sex Trafficking, Rehoming and Interstate Placements: Interfacing Systems for Better Tracking of Vulnerable Children— This session will offer information on the various data systems available or being developed by federal, state and local governments to track sex trafficking, rehoming and interstate placements (e.g. NEICE). What potential opportunities are available to federal, state and local government agencies to interface their data systems to track, protect and serve at-risk and vulnerable children? How can these entities partner to share information, improve efficiencies and reduce duplication in programmatic services? Attendees will review recent legislation and achievements to regulate and address the needs of children who are trafficked and rehomed and discuss how the ICPC can further support efforts to reduce the occurrence of rehoming and sex trafficking.

Federal Legislative Update—Federal presenters will provide updates on recently issued information memoranda and program instructions. Presenters will review how the various state options under Fostering Connections are impacting children in interstate placements when services are required beyond the age of 18. Attendees will be presented with information and updates regarding child welfare finance reform, the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Care Act, and other critical federal legislation which impacts child welfare. The status of accessing medical coverage for IV-E and non-IV-E children post health care reform will also be discussed.

Futuristic Social Services: Leveraging Innovations in Interstate Placements—Do innovations such as Skype or holograms offer states new options to provide services in interstate placements? This session will review novelties and innovations that may potentially support and facilitate social services in the future. How can states benefit from innovations and e-services that would allow a sending state to provide direct services in another state? Do licensing, confidentiality and other barriers present challenges in using innovative services? Can the issue of licensing be leveraged as part of the compact agreement?

All full and one-day registrants may participate.

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Breakfast Included

A Call to Action: Moving to Eradicate Educational Charges in Interstate Placements—Educational charges in interstate placements has long been a source of dissension among states. With the obstacles already facing children seeking permanency in the foster care system, states argue that educational costs for non-specialized services further disenfranchise interstate children that may otherwise have a viable placement but for the exorbitant educational costs charged by local and state jurisdictions. Reportedly, some states have been presented with educational charges upwards of \$70,000 - \$90,000. This session will review the issue of educational costs and raise a call to action from states and national stakeholders to join the discussion to review options to eliminate educational charges for non-specialized services in interstate placements. Is federal legislation, individual court action or a class action suit required to protect the foster care population from non-specialized educational charges in interstate placements?

AAICPC Work Plan 2015-2016: Together Toward Tomorrow—State members and conference attendees will assist the new executive committee in identifying which topics and issues related to the ICPC and interstate placements should be addressed during the 2015-2016 planning year. The EC will prioritize the proposed topics for further review and address as they develop the 2015-2016 AAICPC Work Plan.

New AAICPC Executive Committee (EC) Meeting—The new executive committee will meet for a brief orientation.

All full registrants may participate.

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