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- State Law Change
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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
 ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
 ALL COUNTY INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) LIAISONS
 ALL COUNTY INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (ICAMA) LIAISONS
 ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES
 ALL CDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES
 ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (AAICPC) AND ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (AAICAMA) 2013 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

The purpose of this ACIN is to inform counties and other individuals involved in the administration of the ICPC and the ICAMA of the 2013 Annual Business Meetings for *both* the AAICPC and the AAICAMA. The AAICPC and AAICAMA meetings will be co-located in Denver, Colorado. The ICPC meeting will be held from Friday, May 3, through Monday, May 6, 2013. The AAICAMA meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, through Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

The California Department of Social Services would like to strongly encourage interested county staff, particularly those responsible for the interstate placement of foster and adoptive children and for ensuring the coordination of the provision of medical benefits and services to both Title IV-E and non-Title IV-E adoption assistance and Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program-eligible children, to participate in these meetings. The meetings provide an opportunity for all compact members and administrators to receive the most recent trainings on the compacts and to share

information and best practices regarding interstate placements, current compact laws, and regulations. The meeting will provide liaisons and interested parties with the opportunity to have input and gain a better understanding of the proposed new forms and the form requirements and address issues of concern with other compact administrators prior to their adoption. County attendees will be provided an opportunity to learn from and to interact, network, and resolve issues with the compact administrators of other states.

Whether your ICPC and ICAMA liaisons are relatively new to their jobs or have years of experience, the decisions made and information provided at these meetings will play a vital role in helping them resolve issues with other states and ensure positive outcomes for children placed across state lines.

AAICPC Business Meeting

ICPC training is available on Friday, May 3, 2013, for an additional fee, regardless of whether one attends the business meeting. Those attending this training receive beginner or advanced compact training and an updated training manual. The updated Guide Book/Blue Book (Guide to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children), which includes all recently revised regulations, may also be available.

At this year's **ICPC** business meeting there will be nomination and election of new Executive Committee Members. California's Deputy Compact Administrator will be conferring with those 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 work groups that have been working on interstate issues. These include: development of an electronic national ICPC data base, the Training and Web Site Committee, ICPC Performance Improvement Committee, ICPC/ICAMA – looking at challenges for state Adoption Assistance Program children, Interstate Commission on Juveniles/ICPC – when and how does each compact work for youth who run from their placements, and follow-up on the implementation of the new state pages.

AAICAMA Business Meeting

AAICAMA has some very exciting news this year for California county ICAMA liaisons. To enable and encourage California county staff to attend the business meeting this year the association has *reduced the registration fee by \$100.00 via a credit that will be applied when counties register.*

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The **AAICAMA** business meeting agenda for this year is extensive and includes a variety of critical trainings. These include: ICAMA Administration and the Newly Updated ICAMA Administrator Manual, overview of the New ICAMA 700 Series Forms, Introduction to the ICAMA Database and Real Time Interstate Data, and Complying with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act in Interstate Placements.

There will also be several other topics of discussion covered including Kinship Adoption - Meeting the Unique Needs of a Growing Population, Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) - Opportunities for Medical Coverage of Children with Special Health Care Needs under ACA, Federal Update - Reviewing Fostering Connections from an Interstate Perspective, and Residential Mental Health Services for Children Under 21 – In-State and Interstate.

For more information on the ICPC or the upcoming ICPC business meeting, including the agenda and registration information, you may click the conferences tab at the AAICPC web site at <http://icpc.aphsa.org/Home/conference.asp>.

For information on ICAMA and the proposed meeting schedule you may check the AAICAMA web site at <http://www.aaicama.org/cms/>.

If you cannot connect to these American Public Human Services Association web sites, please contact this office at (916) 651-8100 or ICPC@dss.ca.gov, and the materials can be scanned or faxed to you.

Sincerely,

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