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February 5, 2016

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO.I-07-16

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION OFFICES
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (ICAMA) LIAISONS
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (AAICAMA) 2016 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this ACIN is to inform counties and other individuals involved in the administration of the ICAMA of the 2016 Annual AAICAMA Business Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for March 21-25, 2016, in Oakland, California. A portion of the meeting has been set aside to provide training specifically for California counties. California specific training will take place on March 24-25 and will include a session designed to support California's transition to the AAICAMA worksite.

The CDSS would like to strongly encourage interested county staff, particularly those responsible 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 this meeting. The meeting provides an opportunity for all compact members and administrators to receive the most current information on the compact and gain a better understanding of forms requirements. 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 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 to foster relationships with other states and ensure positive outcomes for children placed across state lines.

The meeting agenda for this year is extensive and includes a variety of critical trainings. Topics include: Using the ICAMA 700 Series Form; States Connecting Families to Services; Federal Adoption & Guardianship Assistance Programs; What Every ICAMA/Interstate Professional Should Know; Legislative Update – Emerging Title IV-E and Medicaid Issues; Supreme Court Ruling Obergefell v. Hodges – Implications for Adoption Practice; Instituting & Implementing State Adoption Competency Policies – Focus on California; and, Improving ICAMA Administration – Structured State Discussions.

California specific training and discussion topics offered include: Using the ICAMA 7.00 Series Form through the AAICAMA Worksite; Improving ICAMA Administration, and Medicaid Training: Securing Medicaid for Title IV-E and non IV-E Recipients; Improving Intra-State Practice: Addressing Differences in ICAMA Referrals between Counties; and Obtaining Mental Health Services for Adoption and Guardianship Assistance (GAP) Recipients Intra-State.

Because this year's business meeting is being held in Oakland, the CDSS is hopeful that ICAMA liaisons and others who normally would not be able to attend due to out-of-state travel issues will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about compact requirements and to develop relationships with their counterparts in other states.

For more information on the upcoming business meeting, including agenda and registration information, please see the attached documents. For more information on ICAMA, visit the AAICAMA website: <http://www.aaicama.org/cms/>.

If you have any questions regarding this ACIN or the upcoming business meeting, please contact Marjana Jackson at (916) 651-8109.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

ELLIE JONES, MSW
Branch Chief
Children's Services Operations and Evaluations Branch

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Attachments

AAICAMA's National Meeting

March 21-24, 2016

Training—Using the ICAMA 700 Series Form

States will learn how to use the recently developed updates to AAICAMA's worksite/database. Training will focus on increasing state capacity to fully use all the options now available to enhance state administration of the ICAMA and to ensure the accuracy of the data being developed. Participants will also discuss how to most effectively work with different types of state administrative architectures and how to continue to administer cases that were initiated before the launch of the ICAMA 700 Form.

Training—Surprising Data :: States Connecting Families to Services

The AAICAMA database has been producing data on the interstate movement of children receiving title IV-E and state-funded Adoption Assistance for almost a year. Participants will be introduced to the data available on their individual states as well as nationwide data. States will learn how to use this data to identify issues that delay the receipt of services and to effectively plan for workload and staffing issues.

Legislative Update—Emerging Title IV-E and Medicaid Issues

Overview of recent federal issuances and provisions in federal law such as Preventing Sex Trafficking & Strengthening Families Act, and the Fostering Connections Act and other important policy and legislative issues that directly effect title IV-E recipients and their receipt of Medicaid.

Training—Federal Adoption & Guardianship Assistance Programs

Session will address how current federal policies on federal adoption and Medicaid affect ICAMA administration and practice as well as interstate Medicaid recipients. Special attention will be paid to Medicaid continuation for IV-E recipients past age 18, annual eligibility reviews, and providing mental health services. The importance of understanding the federal law and program issuances that relate to adoption and kinship assistance will be discussed.

Supreme Court Ruling Obergefell v. Hodges—Implications for Adoption Practice

An adoption attorney will provide an overview of this case as well as the ruling's implications for new and existing Adoption Assistance Agreements (AAAs). States will learn how to handle requests to change existing AAAs when requested by same-sex couples, and state responsibility for ensuring that the constitutional rights of couples are respected when drafting new agreements.

Training—PRTF's :: What Every ICAMA/Interstate Professional Should Know

Participants will learn about the differences in state provision of Medicaid to title IV-E and non-IV-E adoption assistance recipients placed in psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs). States will address problems families encounter when some PRTF services are not covered by Medicaid. Participants will learn about differing state policies for PRTFs and discuss what they can do to best assist families access this service for their child. Resource options for these families will be outlined including the CHIP and ACA programs.

Instituting & Implementing State Adoption Competency Policies—Focus on California

California policy staff will discuss the strategies used to enact the nation's first adoption competency legislation. This legislation mandates that Mental Health services must be received from professionals with clinical training in adoption or permanency issues. An update on the implementation of this policy will be provided.

Improving ICAMA Administration—Structured State Discussions

Participants will work in guided discussions about challenges families face in obtaining services interstate. Participants will review applicable federal directives in federal law, share notable state/county practices, learn how the differences in county administered and state administered systems affect interstate practice, and develop a national guide for the administration of the ICAMA.

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AAICAMA's California County Meeting

March 24-25, 2016

March 24

Training—Using the ICAMA 700 Series Form

Training on the use of the ICAMA 7.00 series form will be the focus of this session. The new simplified process enhances effective administration of the ICAMA, eliminating administrative errors improving the timely receipt of benefits for eligible children. The form will also allow AAICAMA to act as repository of ICAMA child information to support state disaster planning, and enable AAICAMA to collect national data on the interstate movement of adoption and guardianship assistance recipients. In-depth training will be provided on accessing, completing and submitting these forms via AAICAMA's website and HIPAA-FISMA compliant server. Note: Use of current ICAMA forms is a legal requirement in all member states.

Improving Intra-state Practice—Addressing Differences in ICAMA Referrals between Counties

California has a unique set of challenges in that ICAMA is administered by counties, with each county having differing policies and practices for processing incoming and outgoing ICAMA cases. Counties will address what to do when families move between California counties—which can result in challenges in misdirected referrals, coordinating opening and closing dates for Medi-Cal between counties, etc. In this session, CA county liaisons will participate in a structured discussion to identify/share their county's internal referral processes, and problem-solve challenges emerging from these administrative practice differences.

Obtaining Mental Health Services for Adoption and Guardianship Assistance (GAP) Recipients Intra-state

In nearly all 58 California counties, children eligible for Adoption/GAP assistance have very limited access to mental health service options. This is the case in part because the funding and the process for obtaining needed mental health services differs among counties. In this session, state-level California Mental Health staff and ICAMA liaisons will engage in an interactive session to discuss challenges affecting service provision and identify concrete ways to bridge the gap in accessing mental health services to promote child well-being.

March 25

Improving ICAMA Administration—ICAMA Training

The administration of the ICAMA remains paramount in the work of California ICAMA Liaisons. In this session participants will receive training on the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA), its legal implications, and administrative framework (forms/processes). Effective administration of the ICAMA ensures uninterrupted interstate provision of Medicaid to children with adoption assistance agreements. The interstate transfer of medical benefits under the federal Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) will also be included. Finally, the training will cover the importance of interstate compacts, the protections ICAMA provides, and the legal responsibilities of state members.

Medicaid Training—Securing Medicaid for Title IV-E and Non-IV-E Recipients

Training will include an overview of the federal Medicaid (title XIX) program, its laws, and the practical application of these laws. Participants will increase their understanding of state responsibility for Medicaid provision to title IV-E recipients and non-IV-E adoption assistance recipients. Obtaining medical benefits for children with state-funded adoption assistance agreements placed in states without reciprocity will be explored. with references to SSI¹, TANF², SCHIP³, etc. Participants will learn about differing state policies for PRTFs and discuss what they can do to best assist families access this service for their child. Options for these families will be outlined including resources under the CHIP⁴ and ACA⁵ programs.

¹Supplemental Security Income - ²Temporary Assistance to Needy Families - ³State Children's Health Insurance Program - ⁴Children's Health Insurance Program - ⁵Affordable Care Act

2016 NATIONAL MEETING

Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance

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REGISTRANT INFORMATION

NAME:

TITLE:

DEPARTMENT:

MAILING ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

CHECK-IN DATE:

CHECK-OUT DATE:

Not staying in Hotel

Registration Fees:	National Meeting (March 21-24, 2016)	Early (by 2.29.15)	500.00
		Regular	600.00
	California County Meeting (March 24-25, 2016)	Early (by 2.29.15)	200.00
		Regular	275.00
	California County + National Meeting (March 21-25, 2016)	Early (by 2.29.15)	650.00
		Regular	775.00

All registrations include ICAMA Compact Administrator Training

- All materials
- Continental Breakfast and Breaks each day
- Lunch March 22th and 23rd

PAYMENT

I would like to pay my registration fee by credit card.
Please contact the Secretariat to send a credit card invoice. Contact: rbockweg@aphsa.org

I am attaching an agency voucher or purchase order.

I will send an agency voucher or purchase order.

I will pay my fee at the registration desk.

I will mail a check for my registration. Make checks payable to AAICAMA.

TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION

E-mail completed form to: rbockweg@aphsa.org

OR

Fax completed form to: 202.289.6555

Please reference attendee name on all documents.

Conference Registration Deadline: March 11, 2016

Conference Venue Locations:

March 21-22 Endowment Center, 1111 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607

March 23-25 East Bay Community Foundation, 353 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94607

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VENUE INFORMATION

March 21-22, 2016

Endowment Center, 1111 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607

.1 mile from the Marriott Courtyard

Directions: See attached or go to:

<http://ca-endow.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/OCC-Driving-Directions.pdf>

March 23-25, 2016

East Bay Community Foundation, 353 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

.4 mile from the Marriott Courtyard

Directions: See attached or go to:

<http://www.ebcf.org/directions-to-the-foundation-main/>

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, March 21	AAICAMA National Meeting	Endowment Center	8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Meeting	4:30 Adjourn
Tuesday, March 22	AAICAMA National Meeting	Endowment Center	8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Meeting	4:30 Adjourn
Wednesday, March 23	AAICAMA National Meeting	East Bay Community Foundation	8:00 Breakfast 8:30 Meeting	4:30 Adjourn
Thursday, March 24	California County Meeting	East Bay Community Foundation	12:00 Meeting	4:30 Adjourn
Friday, March 24	California County Meeting	East Bay Community Foundation	8:00 Breakfast 8:30 Meeting	12:00 Adjourn

HOTEL

Courtyard
Marriott Oakland
988 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94607

(Group: AAICAMA)

For Reservations:
Call: 800.455.7049
OR
On-Line: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/oakcd

Room Block Closes: February 28, 2016

Conference Registration Deadline: March 11, 2016

DIRECTIONS TO THE EAST BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION JAMES IRVINE FOUNDATION CONFERENCE CENTER



Entrance to the James Irvine Foundation Conference Center

The Conference Center is located at 353 Frank Ogawa Plaza in the Dalziel Building. The entrance is adjacent to the roundabout and metallic fountain at the intersection of 16th Street and San Pablo Avenue.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Frank Ogawa Plaza is serviced by BART and AC Transit. For BART off board at the 12th Street/City Center BART station. Exit towards City Hall (14th and Broadway). For AC Transit, lines 72R, 58L, 51A, 40, 26, 18, 14, 12, 11, and 1R all have stops at 14th and Broadway.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Eastern Contra Costa County

Take Highway 24 west through the Caldecott Tunnel. Take Highway 980/Downtown Oakland exit. Take the 18th Street exit towards 14th Street. Stay straight. Turn left onto 17th Street. Turn right onto Clay Street.

From Richmond and Marin County

Take Highway 580 East to Interstate 80 West. Take Highway 580 East. Take the Highway 980/Downtown Oakland exit. Take the 18th Street exit towards 14th Street. Stay straight. Turn left onto 17th Street. Turn right onto Clay Street.

From Pleasanton/Livermore

Take Highway 580 East to Oakland. Take the Highway 980/Downtown Oakland exit. Take the 18th Street exit towards 14th Street. Stay straight. Turn left onto 17th Street. Turn right onto Clay Street.

From the San Francisco Bay Bridge

Take the Highway 580 exit. Take the Highway 980/Downtown Oakland exit. Take the Highway 980/Downtown Oakland exit. Take the 18th Street exit towards 14th Street. Stay straight. Turn left onto 17th Street. Turn right onto Clay Street.

From the Oakland Airport

Take the 880 North to the Broadway exit in Downtown Oakland. Make a right at the first light onto Broadway. Make a left onto 8th Street. Make a right onto Clay Street.

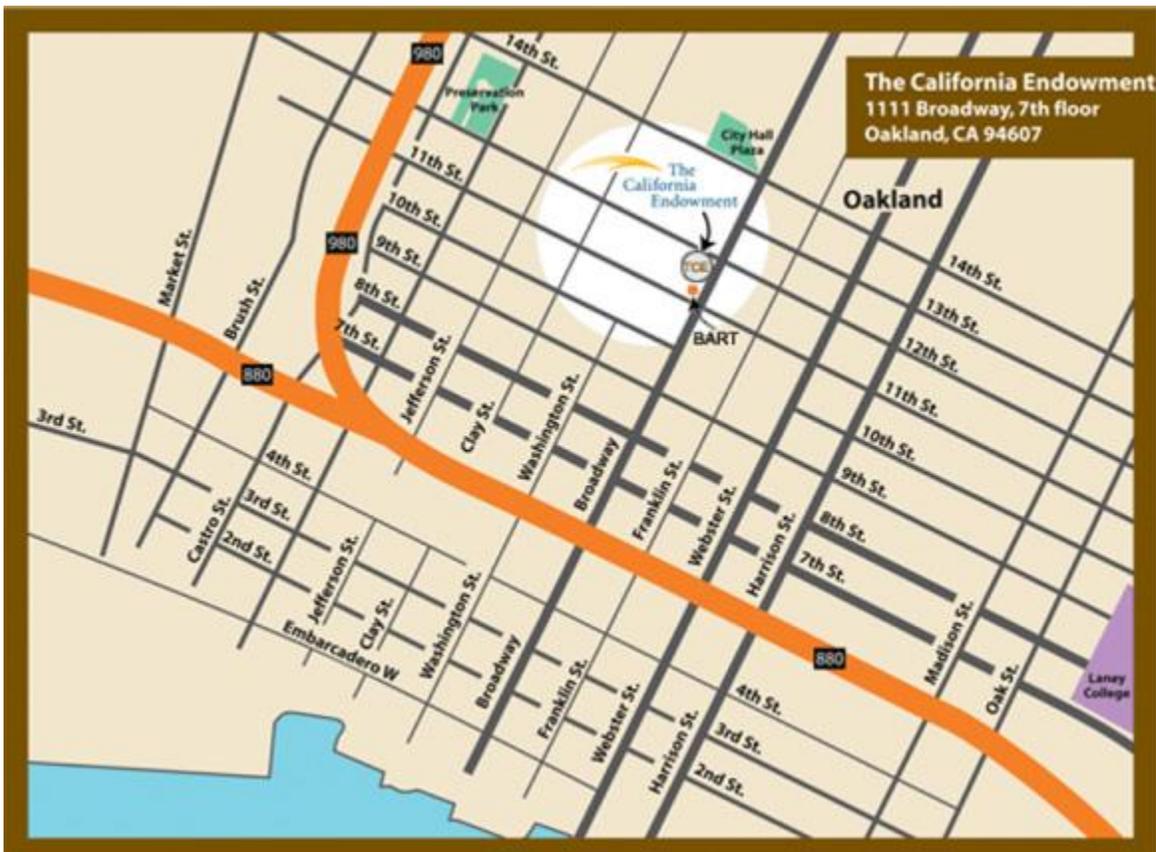
PARKING OPTIONS

There are four parking structures that service Frank Ogawa Plaza and City Center Plaza..

- **Dalziel Building:** Entrance is located on 16th Street between Clay and San Pablo Avenue.
- **Clay Street Garage:** Entrance is located on Clay between 14th Street and 16th Street.
- **City Center Garage:** Entrance is located on 14th Street at the southwest corner of Clay.
- **City Center Garage West:** Entrance is located on 12th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (across from Preservation Park).
- **Metered Parking:** Time restrictions and costs vary, street parking around the Foundation is limited.

Center for Healthy Communities — Oakland

GETTING HERE



Oakland Conference Center

1111 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607

Phone 510-271-4333

Fax 510-271-4350

Visitor space parking is not provided; we encourage guests to use BART. Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis for an hourly fee. Additional parking may also be found in surrounding buildings for an hourly fee.

PARKING

Public Parking Adjacent to the City Center

Central Parking System

Enter on 11th Street

Pay in advance at automated machine

Flat Rate: \$13.00

Central Parking System

Enter at 8th and Clay

Pay in advance at automated machine

Flat Rate: \$6.00

Meters: .25/15 min

City Center Parking

<http://www.oaklandcitycenter.com/parking>

City Center Garage/Ampco (3 entrances)

510- 834-8282

Located beneath City Center. Accessed via entrances on 14th Street between 1300 Clay Street and 505 14th Street buildings, or via 11th Street just past Clay Street.

Rate: \$2.00/20 min, \$6.00/hr, \$25.00 max/day

No Early Bird Special

Credit/Debit accepted

City Center Garage West/CPS

510- 251-6320

Located on the corner of 12th Street and Jefferson Street, and accessed via entrances on 12th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (across from Preservation Park).

Rate: \$1.25/30 min, \$2.50/hr, \$ 30 max/day

Early Bird Special: \$12.00 - In by 9:30 am (no in/out)

Credit/Debit accepted

Other Parking in the Area

Trans Pacific Center Parking

510-763-1585

Located at 11th Street & Broadway

Rate: \$1.25/20 min, \$14.00 max/day

Early Bird Special: \$11.00 - In by 9 am out by 6 pm

Cash only

Pacific Renaissance Parking

510-251-6450

Located at Franklin & between 9th and 11th Street

Rate: \$1.25/60 min; \$14.00 max/day

No Early Bird Special

Cash only

Downtown Merchants Parking

510-832-1416

Located at 1316 Franklin (Franklin & 14th Street)

Rate: \$1.25/30 min; \$12.00 max/day

Early Bird Special: \$10.00 - In by 9 am out by 6:30

Credit/Debit accepted

Douglas Parking/Clay Street Garage

510-893-9669

Located at 1414 Clay Street (Clay Street & 14th)

Rate: \$1.00/20 min; \$ 3.00/hr; Max \$14.00 a day

No Early Bird Special

Cash/Check only

*Note: All rates are subject to change without notice.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Schedules can be obtained from the AC Transit. Dial 511 (if you are in the Bay area) or see the AC Transit Web site: www.511.org.

BART

1. Get off BART at the 12th Street Oakland City Center Station
2. Use the 11th Street/Broadway exit
3. The Oakland Conference Center is located on the 7th floor of 1111 Broadway (on the corner of 11th and Broadway (there is a Peet's Coffee on the first floor visible from the outside)

AC TRANSIT (BUS)

The following bus lines serve the City Center area: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 40, 40L, 42, 43, 51, 58, 62, 72, 72L, 73, 82, 82L, 88, 35X, 36X, 58X.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Contra Costa

1. Take Highway 24 west through the Caldecott Tunnel
2. Take Highway 980 south to the 11th Street exit
3. Turn left onto 11th Street and continue through three lights
4. Make a Left on Broadway

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From Marin

1. Take the San Rafael Bridge to Highway 580 and merge into to Interstate 80 W
2. At the San Francisco /Oakland Interchange, take Highway 580 E
3. Merge onto I-980 W
4. Continue to the 11th Street exit
5. Turn left onto 11th Street and continue through three lights
6. Make a Left on Broadway

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From Pleasanton/Livermore

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2. Merge onto I-980 W
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4. Turn left onto 11th Street and continue through three lights
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From Sacramento

1. Take I-80 W to San Francisco
2. Take the exit to I-580 E towards Alameda/Downtown Oakland/San Jose/Hayward/Stockton/Airport
3. Merge onto I-980 W
4. Continue to the 11th Street exit
5. Turn left onto 11th Street and continue through three lights
6. Make a Left on Broadway

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From San Francisco/Bay Bridge

1. Take the Bay Bridge/Oakland to I-80 E
2. Take the exit to I-580 E towards Alameda/Downtown Oakland/San Jose/Hayward/Stockton/Airport
3. Merge onto I-980 W
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From Oakland International Airport

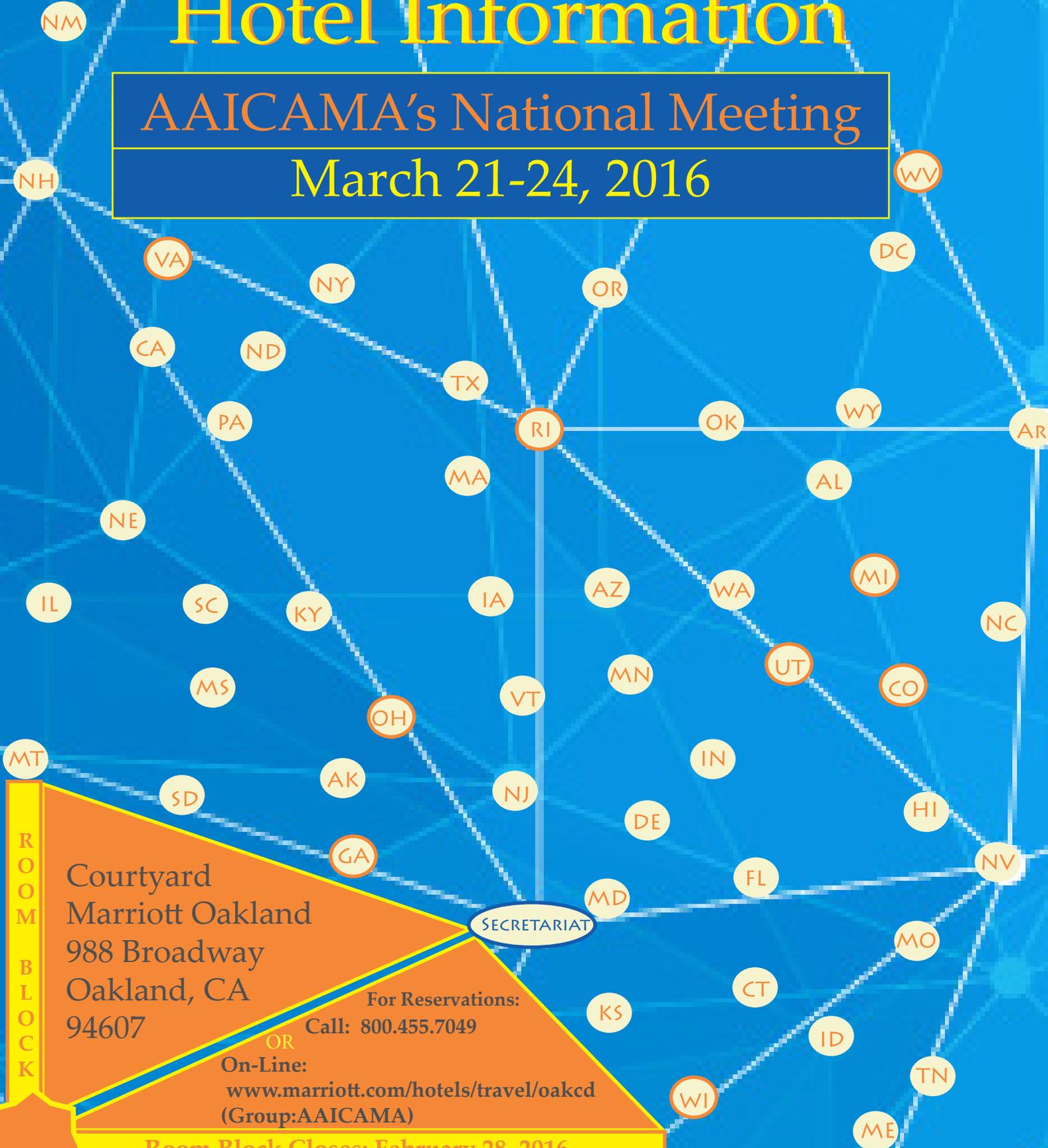
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Hotel Information

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AIRPORT INFORMATION

Oakland International Airport - OAK

- Oakland International Airport - OAK
Airport Phone: +1 510 563 3300
Hotel direction: 7 miles N
 - Alternate transportation: Zee Town Car Transportation Service; fee: 35 USD (one way) reservation required
 - Bus service, fee: 1.75 USD (one way)
 - Subway service, fee: 2.25 USD (one way)
 - Estimated taxi fare: 35 USD (one way)

[Visit OAK airport website](#)

San Francisco International Airport - SFO

- San Francisco International Airport - SFO
Airport Phone: +1 650 821 8211
Hotel direction: 25 miles NE

East Bay Community Foundation, 353 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

Marriott downtown does not provide shuttle service.

- Alternate transportation: Zee Town Car Transportation Service; fee: 75 USD (one way) reservation required
- Subway service, fee: 7.75 USD (one way)
- Estimated taxi fare: 95 USD (one way)

[Visit SFO airport website](#)

HOTEL

Courtyard Marriott Oakland 988 Broadway Oakland, CA 94607	(Group: AAICAMA)	For Reservations: Call: 800.455.7049 OR On-Line: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/oakcd
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