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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN)
NO. I-28-16

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
CDSS ADOPTIONS FIELD OFFICES
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF
CHILDREN (ICPC) LIAISONS

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT
ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (AAICPC) 2016 ANNUAL
BUSINESS MEETING

The purpose of this ACIN is to inform counties and other individuals involved in the administration of the ICPC of the 2016 ICPC Business Meeting that will be held in White Plains, New York, from May 13-16, 2016.

The California Department of Social Services would like to strongly encourage all interested county staff and other individuals involved in the administration of the ICPC to attend the annual business meeting. The meeting provides an opportunity for all member states to receive training on the ICPC and to share information and best practices regarding interstate placement and the current compact.

The ICPC training sessions begin on Friday, May 13, 2016. 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.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

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 these changes. It will also offer 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 of moving the new proposed ICPC through the legislative process and expansion of the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) to all ICPC party states, including NEICE stations for a hands-on user experience. In addition, there will be informative sessions focused on some of the newer issues facing ICPC liaisons and child welfare services agencies.

For more information on the upcoming business meeting, including the agenda and registration information, visit the AAICPC website:

<http://www.aaicpcconference.com/>.

If you have any questions regarding this ACIN, please contact Devina Sloan, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit, at (916) 651-8100.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

RICHARD SMITH

Acting Branch Chief, Children's Services Operations and Evaluations Branch
Children and Family Services Division

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2016 Annual AAICPC Business Meeting, Training Workshop and Child Welfare Conference May 13 – 16, 2016– White Plains, NY

Exploring Gateways to Permanency in the Empire State

Friday, May 13, 2016 — Saturday, May 14, 2016 (noon) ICPC Beginners Track I and Intermediate/Advance Track II Training

Breakfast and Lunch Included, Friday; Breakfast Included, Saturday

National Training on the ICPC. The Beginner's and Intermediate/Advanced Trainings offer:

- Interactive platforms, small groups and roundtable discussions.
- The **Beginner's Track** introduces the key components of the ICPC including 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.
- The **Intermediate/Advanced Track** is a high level review and discussion of complex cases, adoptions (conflict of laws/forum shopping), novel issues in ICPC such as surrogacy, trafficking, duties and responsibilities when training court, agency and caseworker personnel; and, strategies for working with the multi-disciplinary teams, families and locals to process ICPC requests and administer the compact.

Training is open to all participants (There is an additional fee for the training).

Please refer to the registration materials for fees. Training materials and lunch are included in the Training Fee.

Saturday, May 14, 2016 —1:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 15, 2016 —5:00 p.m. AAICPC Business Meeting, Parts 1 and 2 (ICPC Administration)

Lunch on your own, Saturday; Breakfast and Lunch included, Sunday

The AAICPC Business Meeting is mandatory for Compact/Deputy Compact Administrators—states must be present to vote. The business meeting convenes party states to the ICPC to address important matters to administer interstate placements at the national, state, and local levels. **Member and nonmember attendees may participate in the business meeting to engage in important review and discussion of ICPC policies, procedures and practices.**

Open to all full registrants.

Discussion and Voting Matters:

- The AAICPC will **review the 2015-2016 Work Plan** and identify which initiatives should be advanced for the 2016-2017 Term. AAICPC subcommittees will report on deliverables and accomplishments during the 2015-2016 Term.
- **AAICPC Infrastructure and Operations** – the AAICPC is in the first term of a new independent fee structure. Members will review the current budget and operational structure and discuss important decisions necessary to meet the needs of state members and the national administration of the ICPC.
- **Moving the New Proposed ICPC through the Legislative Process** – Policy and legislative personnel will meet with ICPC Member states to provide a detailed overview of how to strategically prioritize policy initiatives within state government and move a bill, specifically the New ICPC through the legislative process. States will also discuss strategies for obtaining Congressional Consent for the New ICPC during the 2016-2017 Term and beyond.
- **Expansion of the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) to all ICPC Party States *UPDATE***
The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau awarded an additional \$3.6 million dollars to APHSA and its affiliate, AAICPC through a cooperative agreement to scale the NEICE to all ICPC party states for the period June 2015 – June 2017. The APHSA/AAICPC Project staff will provide an update on Phase II of the NEICE Grant, current operations, and present plans and expectations for the evaluation process.
- **Review the recently introduced bipartisan (NEICE) federal legislation called "Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act"** and discuss the benefits to the states and children in interstate placements. New states that have joined the NEICE will share their experiences and provide a status update of the impact of NEICE on the interstate placement process. Important policies, protocol and requirements (e.g. user fees, operational protocols, non-payment policies) will be presented to the full AAICPC Member body for adoption/resolution to sustain the NEICE. **NEICE stations will be set up for potential users to sample the NEICE system first hand.**
- **NEICE User Meeting** - NEICE users will meet with the NEICE developer, Tetras, Inc., to discuss user experiences, systems operations, technical and programmatic challenges and successes and the various platforms used to interface the NEICE with state systems.
- **AAICPC Elections - Two (2) At-Large Positions are open for nomination.**

Monday, May 16, 2016 —8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Local Day (Full and One-Day Registrants) – Child Welfare Conference

Breakfast and Lunch Included

- **Federal Update: Surveying the National Landscape during an Election Year** - Federal partners and national stakeholders will provide an update on the federal budget, recent legislation, and give projections for health and human service programs during a presidential election year. How will the impending presidential elections, the congressional structure and Supreme Court nomination/confirmation impact health and human services over the next year? A high level review of health and human services funding streams via Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Social Services Block Grant and Medicaid will be discussed. We will also review key programs and federal legislation that support and facilitate advancing permanency outcomes through the Fostering Connections Act, the Adoptions and Safe Families Act, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act and follow-up reporting regarding Safe and Timely Interstate Placement Act. Participants will receive a brief overview of advances in technology. Introductions to how the NEICE will create new opportunities in program integrity across health and human services programs such as Medicaid; interface with abuse and neglect registries; and, facilitate state, local and county agencies' ability to streamline services to communities throughout the nation.



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Monday Continued:

- Increasing the Opportunity for Permanency throughout the Placement Continuum: Part 1**
 From the moment a child enters care, the goal of permanency is always at the forefront, whether through reunification, adoption, kinship-care or other forms of placement. Many proposed placements are unsuccessful because agency staff, court personnel and others involved in the placement process lose sight of the full placement continuum and the various roles, responsibilities and contributions each participant brings to the overall case and to the team. Agency and judicial staff are not aware of the various resources and programs available. They fail to order home studies or the necessary assessments. They also neglect to consider viable options for financial assistance, legal protections and medical coverage to obtain the necessary services and supports that lead to long-term wellbeing for the child and the family whether placed intra-state or interstate. As such, valuable time and resources are wasted and children are unable to achieve permanency and are forced to languish in homes that are meant to be temporary residences. This session will provide an overview of Medicaid eligibility and coverage, and the critical options and considerations for optimal financial planning and legal safeguards to sustain and advance children and families towards a goal of wellbeing and permanency.
- Impact on States and Children: Part II**
 Part II of this session will focus on the impact to states and children when Family Courts order placements prior to, or without ICPC approval, and the backlash when states do not comply with the timeframes set forth in Safe & Timely and/or Regulation 7 because of state statutes that require additional trainings and/or licensures. Participants will discuss ways to reduce illegal placements and improve the partnership with family court Judges and other members throughout the placement continuum to uphold the ICPC compact while promoting safe and prompt interstate placements.
- Enhancing Cultural Competence and Decreasing Racial Disparity:** Data about racial disproportionality in child welfare is extensive and easily accessible. Yet issues of cultural incompetence and racial disparity are a reminder that there is much more work to do at all levels of Human Services. A panel of experts will take a fresh look at this subject and offer novel approaches to conquer an age-old problem and provide an outline that can be used at all levels of the social service network to promote cultural competence, reduce bias and enhance awareness.
- Understanding Educational Opportunities for Foster Care Youth in an Effort to Remove Barriers and Eliminate Interstate Tuition Charges in Foster Care Placements:** Educational Opportunities vary for children in foster care based on their eligibility and coverage in Title IV-E programs, Individualized Education Plans and educational resources available in the state, district or region proposed for placement. An interstate placement has the potential to further frustrate educational and placement opportunities for children in foster care. These concerns have often delayed or sidetracked permanency for various children and have interfered with their placements. Panelists and local stakeholders will provide information on recent enactments and programs that improve educational opportunities for children in foster care and strategies for removing barriers and eliminating education charges in interstate placements.
- The New AAICPC Executive Committee (EC) Meeting-** The new executive committee will convene for orientation.

ICPC Training		AAICPC Business Meeting and Child Welfare Conference	
Friday, May 13, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.		Saturday, May 14, 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2016, 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
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ICPC Training	ICPC Training Conclusion AAICPC Business Meeting	AAICPC Business Meeting <i>All Full Registrants</i>	AAICPC Conference and Local Day Sessions open to all attendees <i>Full & One-Day Registrants</i>
8:00 – 8:30 <i>Breakfast</i>	8:00 – 8:45 <i>Breakfast</i>	8:00 – 8:30 <i>Breakfast</i>	8:00 – 8:45 <i>Breakfast</i>
8:30 – 9:30 ICPC Training Introduction-Part I Combined Track I and II	<i>Training Registrants</i> 8:45 – 12:00 ICPC Training Combined Track I and Track II	8:30 – 5:00 AAICPC Business Meeting Part II All Full Registrants	8:45 – 12:00 Sessions A & B
9:30 – 12:00 ICPC Training Track I and Track II		Networking Event All Attendees	
12:00 – 1:00 Working Lunch Combined Track I and II	Lunch on your own		12:00 -1:30 p.m. AAICPC President's Award Luncheon
ICPC Training Part II Practicum (Workshops)	1:00 -3:30 AAICPC Conference Opening Session Business Meeting All Full Registrants		2:30 – 3:30 Sessions C & D
1:00 – 5:30 ICPC Training Track I and Track II	3:45 – 5:30 AAICPC Business Meeting Part I All Attendees		Session 3:45 – 5:00 Session E
	6:00 – 7:30 AAICPC President's Opening Reception		New AAICPC EC Meeting