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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
CDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ICPC LIAISONS

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTERSTATE
COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (AAICPC)
2011 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The purpose for this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to inform counties of the 2011 Annual AAICPC Business Meeting that will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from April 29 through May 3, 2011.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) would like to strongly encourage all interested county staff, particularly those responsible for the interstate placement of foster children, to participate in this event. The Business Meeting provides an opportunity for all member states to receive training on the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) and to share information and best practices regarding interstate placements and the current compact. Additionally, at this year's Business Meeting there will be a discussion and vote on four amended and/or new regulations that could potentially revise the procedures counties must adhere to under the compact when placing children out of state. Therefore, it is important that counties have a chance to be a part of this dialogue and the decisions ultimately reached on these regulations.

This Business Meeting is also a wonderful opportunity to network with, and learn from, the compact liaisons of other states. Whether your ICPC liaison is relatively new to their job or has years of experience working with ICPC, the information provided will play a vital role in helping them to ensure positive outcomes for children placed across state lines.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

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A copy of the proposed agenda is attached.

<http://www.aphsa.org/conference/doc/2011/Agenda-ICPC.pdf>

For more information on the Business Meeting you can visit the AAICPC website at:

<http://icpc.aphsa.org/Home/conference.asp>

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:

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

Attachment



Association of Administrators of the
Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

an affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association

Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children 2011 Annual AAICPC Business Meeting, Training Workshop and Child Welfare Conference

Preliminary Agenda

April 29 – May 3, 2011, Minneapolis, MN – Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport Hotel

Friday, April 29, 2011 — Saturday, April 30, 2011 (noon)

- **ICPC Training** – The ICPC Training will be offered over one and one half (1½) days and includes 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; managing timeframes for timely placements; and, ensuring ICWA compliance in interstate placements. Participants will also review and discuss duties and responsibilities of ICPC staff and how to negotiate and facilitate the courts, families and locals throughout the ICPC process. In addition, the training will offer complex case analysis, systems and administrative review, 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 \$200 for all others—Training materials and lunch are included).

Saturday, April 30, 2011 (afternoon) 1:00 p.m. — Sunday, May 1, 2011 (12:00 Noon)

- **AAICPC Business Meeting, Parts 1 and 2 (ICPC Administration)** - The business meeting convenes member states of the ICPC 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. ICPC Regulation 2 (previously repealed; Proposed Public Interstate Placements), Regulation 3 (Formerly Placements with Parents, Relatives...; Proposed Definitions, Placements, Applicability, Exemptions), Regulation 7 (formerly Priority Placement; Proposed Expedited Placement), and new Proposed Regulation 12 (Private and Independent Adoptions) will be introduced for amendment/adoption by ICPC Member States. **States Must Be Present to Vote.** Additionally, states will consider amending the frequency of supervision reporting from quarterly to monthly; the ICPC By-laws; and, the AAICPC's current voting process and procedures. Various forms of voting will be introduced to the states for consideration. The AAICPC will review its 2010–2011 AAICPC Work Plan and accomplishments. Subcommittees will provide updates and next steps and present long- and short-term products completed to improve the ICPC administration. **All (full registrants) may participate in the meeting.**
- **AAICPC Elections: President, Vice President, Treasurer and 2 At-Large Positions are open for nomination.**
- **ICPC National Web Database: Going Paperless —UPDATE-** In 2010, the AAICPC voted to endorse development and implementation of a National ICPC Web-Database for managing, tracking and exchanging ICPC information between states. States will receive an update on a federal initiative being sponsored by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to fund innovative technology which removes barriers in human service systems and programs. The forum/members will receive information regarding the AAICPC's application to receive funding to develop or pilot a national centralized ICPC web-database through this initiative.

Monday, May 2, 2011 -8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Local Day (Full and One-Day Registrants)

- **Private and Independent Adoptions – Returning Children after Disruption/Dissolution of an Adoption–** States are often presented with the unfortunate circumstance of intervening when an adoption has disrupted or dissolved. When private and independent adoptions disrupt or dissolve, who is responsible? The state, the bio-parent, the adoptive parent, facilitator or private agency? States will take a close look at various state processes used when adoptive placements are not successful and states are required to assume custody, return the child to a Sending Agency, or intervene when children are abandoned or passed on to another family who has not been studied or evaluated.
- **International Social Services –** ISS serves a critical function in linking children with necessary family resources in international placements. This session will introduce attendees to the valuable services offered by ISS and ways in which public and private case workers/managers and ICPC personnel can partner with ISS when identifying and placing children who may have international placement resources. ISS will also discuss a new project funded by the U.s. Department of Health and Human Services in which the ISS is seeking to improve permanency by exploring international placements options.
- **Federal Legislative Update-** Federal Presenters will provide updates on recently issued information memoranda, program instructions. In addition, these presenters will review and discuss a preselected list of questions submitted by the states prior to and in preparation for this session pertaining to Fostering Connections, Adam Walsh, Safe and Timely and other critical federal legislation which impacts child welfare. APHSA/ NAPCWA Staff will provide an update on a project initiated by state governments to recommend new factors and standards for the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR).
- **The Do's and Don'ts of Criminal Background Checks and Screening -** States will review state policies and practices for requesting, accepting and processing criminal background checks both manually (print card) and electronically (computer). Discussion points will include: Variances in the existence and use of state child abuse neglect registries; Requirements and processing times of scan vs. roll print; Whether Actual NCIS reports or letters of verification should or should not be sent and/or received by sending and receiving states; and what type of information can be shared by states regarding criminal records checks and screening. A federal representative (FBI) will provide an overview of the criminal background process and address questions regarding criminal background reporting, screening, delays and costs.
- **Health Care Reform - Medical Services and Access in Intra and Interstate Placements -** This session will provide participants with an overview of the changes resulting from Health Care Reform and the benefits and challenges to obtaining healthcare and services for children and the impact on child welfare. An overview of the Federal Medicaid Program, and any new services covered and excluded for children will be presented. Attendees will discuss medical assistance for non-IV-E children via state support, and the pitfalls of medical coverage when kinship – guardianship placements and their families are forced to move across state lines.

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

- **New Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children—ICPC Reform: Together We Can?** Various stakeholders and federal representatives (Congressional Representatives & Staffers; NCJFCJ; NCSL; Private and Independent Adoption Advocates; Educational Advocates) will be invited to strategize and brainstorm with the states ways to move and expedite introduction and enactment of the New Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. Congress and Stakeholders will be asked to participate and commit minimally to a one-year effort to facilitate and support passage of the New ICPC. A collaborative coalition will be formed to convene, develop and accomplish milestones towards ratifying the New ICPC (passage in 35 states). States will provide an update and plans for introduction or enactment in their states. States will discuss the prospect of federal versus state control of the ICPC, and states' responsibility in either, advancing the New ICPC and other efforts and solutions required for ICPC reform, or preparing for the likelihood of full regulation by the federal government. States will devise a specific plan of action and next steps toward ratifying the New ICPC (passage in 35 states).
- **Securing Parent Home Studies When States Refuse to Recognize Parents as Covered by the ICPC –** For many years, some state courts have ruled that parents are not subject to the ICPC, even when their children have been removed from the parent's home and placed into state custody. Participants will review case decisions which exclude parents and discuss the impact (pros and cons) of these decisions on the ICPC Administration, children, families and the courts.
- **Transferring Custody and Court Jurisdiction in Violation of the ICPC –** For many years, courts have invoked the ICPC by asking for an interstate home study; then, subsequently transferred its jurisdiction and the child before the ICPC is completed and approved for placement. In addition, courts have transferred custody without asking for a home study to verify whether the placement resource is viable and able to care for the child/children. Participants will review and discuss how these practices impact children, families and the state agencies which are required to pick up the pieces when the placement is not optimal or disrupts; and, how proposed ICPC Regulations may curtail the practice.

**The Compact Administrators' Training will be held
 Friday, April 29, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 30, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 The AAICPC Business Meeting begins Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., C.T.
 Meals and breaks will be offered at various times throughout the conference.**

AAICPC Compact and Deputy Compact Training Friday, April 29, 2011 (CA Training Registrants)		AAICPC Compact Training Conclusion Business Meeting Begins Saturday, April 30, 2011 (CA Training Registrants)		AAICPC Business Meeting Sunday, May 1, 2011 (All Full Registrants)	AAICPC Conference and Local Day Monday, May 2, 2011 Sessions open to all attendees (Full & One-Day Registrants)	AAICPC Conference Tuesday, May 3, 2011 All Full Registrants
8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast		8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast		8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast	8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast	8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Part I Tracks 1 and 2		8:45 – 11:00 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Track 1	8:45 – 11:00 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Track 2	8:30 – 5:00 AAICPC Business Meeting Part II All Full Registrants Networking Event All Attendees	Session A & B 8:45 – 12:00	8:30 – 12:00 ICPC Session A
9:30 – 12:00 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Track 1	9:30 – 12:00 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Track 2					
12:00 – 1:00 Working Lunch Tracks 1 and 2		11:00 – 12:00 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Tracks 1 and 2				
Compact/Deputy Compact Training Part II Practicum (Workshops)		1:00 – 3:30 AAICPC Conference Opening Session Business Meeting All Full Registrants				
Track 1 1:00 – 5:30 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Track 1	Track 2 1:00 – 5:30 Compact/Deputy Compact Training Track 2	3:45 – 5:30 AAICPC Business Meeting All Attendees				
				12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch		
				1:30 – 2:30 Session C		
				2:30 – 3:30 Session D		
				2:30 – 3:30 Session D		
		6:00 – 7:30 AAICPC President's Opening Reception		3:30 – 3:45 Break		
				3:30 – 3:45 Break		
				Session 3:45 – 5:00 Session E		
				3:45 – 5:00 Session E		
				5:30 – 6:00 New AAICPC EC Meeting		