



State of Tennessee
Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 1.30

Subject:	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
Authority:	TCA 37-5-106, 37-4-201 – 37-4-207; P.L. 109-239 Safe & Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006; P.L.110-351 Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008
Standards:	DCS Standards: 6-501 A, Chapters V-IX
Application:	Department of Children's Services and other Public or Private Child Agencies in Party States, Licensed Child-Caring and Child-Placing Agencies, Licensed Residential Treatment Facilities, Institutions, Courts, Tribes and Parents/ Relatives/Guardians

Policy Statement:

The State of Tennessee is a party to the *Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)* and as such cooperates with the other member states in accordance with the provisions of the Compact.

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) is assigned responsibility to administer the ICPC among and between party states/agencies and with community partners to ensure protection and services to children who are placed across state lines for the purpose of foster care, as a preliminary adoption placement, temporary placement into a licensed residential treatment facility or institutional placement.

Purpose:

The purpose of the ICPC is to ensure protection and services to children who are placed across state lines for the purpose of foster care, a preliminary adoption placement or temporary placement into a licensed residential treatment facility or institutional placement. These protections and services are the same as would be provided to the child or children if they remained in their home state or jurisdiction. All relevant federal and state child welfare laws and policies that apply to a child in Tennessee apply to that child if placed across state lines.

Procedures:

A. Overview of the Compact on the Placement of Children	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All matters relating to the ICPC are administered in accordance with the ICPC statute, promulgated ICPC Regulations, Tennessee Code Annotated child-welfare citations, and Department of Children's Services child welfare policies and procedures as established herein. 2. The TN DCS Office of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Is the clearinghouse for all requests for placement and other services
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	<p>pursuant to the ICPC;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Is authorized to make decisions regarding the placement and permanency of a child(ren) pursuant to the ICPC; ◆ Establishes and promulgates policies and procedures to be used by the designated parties for compliance with the ICPC and in conjunction with other applicable child-welfare laws; ◆ Monitors and enforces compliance with laws, policies and procedures applicable to the ICPC; ◆ Maintains data collection in TFACTS; ◆ Extracts data from TFACTS and files data reports; ◆ Provides information, technical assistance and consultation to all parties involved in or with the ICPC; and ◆ Designs and implements basic training/orientation on ICPC procedures.
<p>B. ICPC Policies and Procedures Manuals</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The TN ICPC Office is charged with establishing and promulgating policies and procedures to be used by the designated parties for compliance with the ICPC and in conjunction with other applicable child-welfare laws. 2. The TN ICPC Office has established the following Manuals, Guide Books and Guidelines to be used by designated parties for compliance with the ICPC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <u>DCS Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Practices and Procedures Manual</u>; ◆ <u>Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Procedures Manual: Judicial Guidebook</u>; ◆ <u>Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Procedures Manual: Independent and Private Agency Adoptive Placement Guidebook</u>; ◆ <u>Guidelines for Compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children for Independent or Private Agency Adoptive Placements</u>; and, ◆ <u>Guidelines for Compliance with Interstate Compact on Placement of Children: Residential Treatment Facility/Institutional Placement</u>. 3. Each of these designated Manuals, Guide Books, and Guidelines includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Definitions of the types of placements and placers subject to the law; ◆ Procedures to be followed in making an interstate placement; ◆ Procedures to be followed in accommodating a placement;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The specific protections, services and requirement brought by the enactment of the law;◆ Penalties for non-compliance,◆ Linkages to ICPC forms and formats utilized in processing an ICPC, and;◆ Glossary.
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Forms:	<p><u>CS-0525, ICPC 100A Interstate Compact Placement Request</u></p> <p><u>CS-0523, ICPC 100B Interstate Compact Report on Child's Placement Status</u></p> <p><u>CS-0563, ICPC 101 Sending State ICPC Regulation #7 Expedited Decision and Border Agreement Home Study Request</u></p> <p><u>CS-0682, Expedited Placement Assessment Summary</u></p> <p><u>CS-0795 ICPC Financial-Medical Plan</u></p> <p><u>CS-0796, ICPC Referral Checklist</u></p> <p><u>CS-0957 Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Placement Resource Statement of Confirmation-Reg #7 and Border Agreement</u></p> <p><u>CS-0958 Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Placement Resource Statement of Confirmation-Reg #2</u></p> <p><u>ICPC Reg. #7 Expedited Placement Decision Order (DCS)</u></p> <p><u>ICPC Reg. #7 Expedited Placement Decision Order-(Non-DCS)</u></p> <p><u>ICPC Article VI Motion to Review Institutional Placement Order</u></p> <p><u>ICPC Article VI Order to Review Institutional Placement</u></p> <p><u>Notice of Placement Pursuant to ICPC (DCS)</u></p> <p><u>Order to Place Pursuant to ICPC (Non-DCS)</u></p>
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<p>Collateral Documents:</p>	<p><u>Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children(ICPC) Regulations</u></p> <p><u>DCS Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Practices and Procedures Manual</u></p> <p><u>ICPC Independent and Private Agency Adoptive Placement Manual</u></p> <p><u>Guidelines for Compliance with the ICPC for Independent or Private Agency Adoptive Placements</u></p> <p><u>ICPC Procedures Manual-Judicial Guidebook</u></p> <p><u>ICPC Guidelines for Compliance with the ICPC: Residential Treatment Facility/Institution</u></p>
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