TN Department of Children's Services

POLICY

1.30, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children	
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	
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:** None
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Glossary:

- Statutory Agreement
  - An agreement or undertaking entered into under any legislation.
- Compact
  - An agreement or covenant between two or more parties.

Policy Statement:

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is a statutory agreement between all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the US Virgin Islands. 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 and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Compact.

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) ICPC office is responsible for the daily tasks associated with the administration of the compact. All incoming and outgoing interstate placement requests are processed through this office.

Purpose:

The purpose of the ICPC is to ensure that children placed out-of-state are placed with caregivers who are safe, suitable, and able to meet their needs. The ICPC requires an assessment of these factors before a child is placed out-of-state. As a legally binding

agreement, the ICPC ensures that children enjoy a uniform set of protections and benefits regardless of which state they are moving to or from.

Procedures:

A. ICPC Application

The ICPC governs the following types of placements:

a) The placement of a child in the care or custody of a state child welfare agency with a relative family, a foster family, or an adoptive family in another state;
b) The placement of a child by any individual or entity into another state if the placement is for the purpose of adoption;
c) Under certain circumstances, the placement of a child with the child's parent located in another state;
d) The placement of a child by any individual or entity into a licensed residential treatment center located in another state, to include youth who have been adjudicated delinquent; or
e) Court jurisdiction only: The sending court has an open abuse, neglect or dependency case that establishes court jurisdiction with the authority to supervise, remove and/or place the child. This child is **not** in the guardianship/custody of DCS.

B. ICPC Administration

The TN DCS Commissioner serves as the ICPC Compact Administrator. The Commissioner designates a Deputy Commissioner who shall serve as the general coordinator of activities under this compact in the State of Tennessee and who, acting jointly with like officers of other party jurisdictions, shall have power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out more effectively the terms and provisions of this compact. The rules and regulations are outlined in ***The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Procedural Guide*** and ***The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Judicial Guide***.

Forms:

CS-0525, ICPC 100A Interstate Compact Placement Request

CS-0523, ICPC 100B Interstate Compact Report on Child's Placement Status

CS-0563, ICPC 101 Sending State ICPC Regulation #7 Expedited Decision and Border Agreement Home Study Request

CS-0795 ICPC Financial-Medical Plan

CS-0796, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Private or Independent Adoption Checklist

CS-0796-1, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Residential ICPC Request Checklist

CS-0796-2, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Public Agency ICPC Home Study Request Checklist

CS-0796-3, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Court Jurisdiction (CJO) ICPC Home Study Request Checklist

CS-0958, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Placement Resource Statement of Confirmation-Reg #2

ICPC Reg. #7, Expedited Placement Decision Order (DCS)

ICPC Reg. #7, Expedited Placement Decision Order-(Non-DCS)

ICPC Article VI, Motion to Review Institutional Placement Order

ICPC Article VI, Order to Review Institutional Placement

Notice of Placement Pursuant to ICPC (DCS)

Order to Place Pursuant to ICPC (Non-DCS)

CS-1200, ICPC Progress Report

CS-1211, ICPC Foster/Adoptive Case Service Agreement

CS-1234, ICPC Behavioral/Medical Health Referral

Collateral Documents:

Protocol for ICPC and Unique Care Agreements

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Procedural Guide

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Judicial Guide