

# Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)

## Background Notes

Many children who are placed in foster care in Oregon have relatives who live in another state. DHS values placing children with family members, and staff are required to search diligently for absent parents and relatives. Prior to placing a child, who is in the legal custody of DHS, in a home that is outside the state of Oregon, caseworker must know and follow the rules and regulations of the Interstate Compact Agreement on the Placement of Children. ICPC must give **receive permission** before a child can be placed out of state. The primary purpose of this requirement is to protect the child's best interests. When placement is to another state, the authorities in that state have the best opportunity to evaluate the proposed placement resource and environment. It is also important to have a person in the receiving state who is onsite to monitor the placement and provide professional progress reports. The ICPC allows Oregon to maintain jurisdiction of the child. Oregon remains responsible for the child's physical, medical and emotional well-being.

## Tasks / Assignments:

- Ask your Supervisor to provide you a case involving an ICPC home study. What types of information and services are requested? Ask the worker about the timeline in the process. What is the Oregon's responsibility when they place a child out of state or when they receive a child from another state?
- Review the DHS/CW ICPC webpage:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/pages/icpc.aspx>
- Locate and print the ICPC handbook from the forms directory. (DE9053)
- Review the rule regarding ICPC:  
[http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual\\_1/division\\_40.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_40.pdf)
- Attend the ICPC NetLink; find it here:  
<https://ilearn.oregon.gov/SearchResults.aspx>

## Discoveries:

- *What did you learn about transitioning a child out of state or receiving a child from another state?*
- *How long does it take to get a home study completed in another state?*
- *How long does it take to place a child out of state?*
- *Are there ways to make the process quicker?*
- *Does the receiving state have to follow our policies regarding home studies and contact requirements?*