INTERSTATE COMPACT

Interstate Compact Overview

Policy
The Department of Children and Families is responsible for the operation and administration of three (3) distinct Interstate Compacts to promote the safety, well-being and permanency of children and youth when they move or are placed across state lines.

Interstate Compacts Defined
Interstate Compacts are voluntary agreements between two or more states on a particular policy issue that becomes law in each state.

The Compacts
Pursuant to CT General Statutes, the Department of Children and Families is responsible for the operation and administration of the following Interstate Compacts:

- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC);
- Interstate Compact on Mental Health (ICMH); and
- Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA).

The above Compacts are mutually exclusive and are designed to serve specific populations of children and youth who require services in a different state.

The requirements set forth by the Compacts apply to the:

- Department of Children and Families;
- Superior Court for Juvenile Matters;
- CT Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division;
- Other public agencies;
- Private child placing agencies; and
- Any person, corporation, association, charitable agency of the party state or its subdivision.

Placements from Non-Compact Parties
All non-compact parties, (i.e. Puerto Rico) who wish to place children in Connecticut are required to comply with Connecticut law and established procedures before a child is brought into the state and after, until the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age or is adopted.


Records
Interstate Compact records are subject to state confidentiality laws and regulations. Any disclosure of records shall be made in accordance with CT General Statutes, primarily §17a-28 and DCF Policies.

Cross reference: DCF Policy 6-4 "Record Management".

NEICE
The Department of Children and Families Interstate Compact Office (ICO) utilizes the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE), which is a Web-based electronic case-processing system that exchanges data and documents across states.