



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

an affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association

**NATIONAL SPRING CONFERENCE
April 17 - 21, 2009**

THE SAINT ANTHONY HOTEL, SAN ANTONIO, TX

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Registration**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM ***Continental Breakfast***

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM ***Compact and Deputy Compact Administrators' Training -***

The CA/DCA Training will be offered as two separate trainings, a Beginners Track (1) and an Advanced Track (2). Both trainings will be offered concurrently over one and one half (1 ½) day and includes joint opening and closing sessions with all participants. The Beginners training will introduce participants to, compacts, the ICPC administrative process, duties and responsibilities of a CA/DCA, ICPC forms, types of ICPC cases, etc. The Advanced Track 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. Both sessions will provide an overview of the key components and roles of a CA/DCA. ***Training is open to all participants and will be offered by Certified CA Training Team. (Additional \$150 fee - training materials, breakfast and lunch are included in the fee)***

Certified CA Training Team: Linda Foster, DCA, Oklahoma; Carla Fults, Project Manager, DC; Gina Gelnett, DCA, Texas; Harry Gilmore, DCA, Oregon; James Graves, DCA, Georgia; Stephen Pennypacker, CA, Florida; Marcia Pickering, DCA Alaska; Cheri Stewart, DCA, Tennessee;

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM ***Break***

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM **ICPC Training ~ Part II**
Beginners Track 1
Advanced Track 2

Certified CA Training Team: Linda Foster, DCA, Oklahoma; Carla Fults, Project Manager, DC; Gina Gelnett, DCA, Texas; Harry Gilmore, DCA, Oregon; James Graves, DCA, Georgia; Stephen Pennypacker, CA, Florida; Marcia Pickering, DCA Alaska; Cheri Stewart, DCA, Tennessee;

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ***Working Lunch***

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM **ICPC Training ~ Part III**
Beginners Track 1
Advanced Track 2

Certified CA Training Team: Linda Foster, DCA, Oklahoma; Carla Fults, Project Manager, DC; Gina Gelnett, DCA, Texas; Harry Gilmore, DCA, Oregon; James Graves, DCA, Georgia; Stephen Pennypacker, CA, Florida; Marcia Pickering, DCA Alaska; Cheri Stewart, DCA, Tennessee;

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM **Break**

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM **ICPC Training ~ Part IV**
Beginners Track 1
Advanced Track 2

Certified CA Training Team: Linda Foster, DCA, Oklahoma; Carla Fults, Project Manager, DC; Gina Gelnett, DCA, Texas; Harry Gilmore, DCA, Oregon; James Graves, DCA, Georgia; Stephen Pennypacker, CA, Florida; Marcia Pickering, DCA Alaska; Cheri Stewart, DCA, Tennessee;

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM **Questions and Answers**

SATURDAY, April 18, 2009

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Registration**

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Breakfast on your own**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM **ICPC Training ~ Part V**
Beginners Track 1
Advanced Track 2

Certified CA Training Team: Linda Foster, DCA, Oklahoma; Carla Fults, Project Manager, DC; Gina Gelnett, DCA, Texas; Harry Gilmore, DCA, Oregon; James Graves, DCA, Georgia; Stephen Pennypacker, CA, Florida; Marcia Pickering, DCA Alaska; Cheri Stewart, DCA, Tennessee;

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Break**

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM **Questions and Answers**

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Lunch on your own**

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Opening Session ~ Business Meeting Part I**
The business meeting provides a forum for all attendees to participate in critical discussions regarding ICPC policies and practices and to make inquiries and recommendations for consideration by the AAICPC membership. In addition, the AAICPC will review its 2008 – 2009 AAICPC Work Plan and accomplishments. Subcommittees will provide an update on the goals met and showcase long and short-term products completed to improve ICPC administration. The highly anticipated web-based State Pages are expected to be premiered. **AAICPC Elections: All Officer Positions will be open for nomination. All (full registrants) may participate in the meeting.**

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM **Break**

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM **Going Paperless ~ Bringing the ICPC into the 21st Century - Part I**
A MUST SEE – For many years, the ICPC process and administration has required submission of three hard copies for ICPC processing. Going paperless has the potential to cut agency shipping and mailing costs by 50 – 90%. It can also reduce interstate processing time by more than half and facilitate moving children to permanency within state guidelines. *Attendees will be shown a web-based program that can enable ICPC offices to send and request packets, home studies and results; collect, track and report data; and, communicate with locals, contracted agencies, and other state ICPC offices – within minutes – and through secured means.*

Speaker: Stephen Pennypacker (FL), Compact Administrator, Florida Department of Children and Families

Moderator: Marvin Davis (MN), Adoptions Operations Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Human Services

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Questions and Answers**

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Introduction of Nominees for AAICPC Executive Committee**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Registration**

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Morning Café**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Business Meeting Part II ~ Elections**

10:00AM – 10:30AM **Announcement of New Officers**

10:30AM – 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45AM – 2:45 PM **Sunday Brunch**

ICPC ~ Reviewing Practices and the Way We Do Business – Part I
This session will provide an overview and discussion of ICPC processes and practices that are ambiguous, applied inconsistently or incorrectly, rarely used, or require clarification from either a federal or state perspective. This session will include federal, state and private presenters and panelists. Topics of discussion will include: 1) What type, and how often, is supervision required in interstate placements?; 2) Is ICPC required when placing an unaccompanied minor via the refugee resettlement program?; 3) Reg. 3 – When is ICPC required in a parent or guardian placement? 4) When and how to close an ICPC case; 5) How and why states use border agreements (border examples will be provided); 6) Licensing, certification or approval, which is which? 7) Reg. 1 – Is an ICPC approval required when an intact foster family moves to another state? 8) How do we continue timely ICPC placements in the face of economical challenges and workforce downsizing? 9) Whose laws apply in private and independent adoptions? 10) Who is liable if a child is placed before the receiving state signs the 100A? 11) How do I work better with my courts? 12) What is required when children are placed interstate in a Residential Treatment Facility?

Speakers: Regi Daniel (DC); Debra Emerson (TX) Linda Foster (OK); Gina Gelnett (TX); Harry Gilmore (OR); James Graves (GA); Elaine Kelley (DC); Deb Petry (ND); Marcia Pickering (AK); Benita Rommel (NJ); Cheri Stewart (TN)

Moderator: *Carla Fults (DC)*, Project Manager, APHSA

2:45PM - 3:00 PM **Break**

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM **Federal and State Governments Rebuilding the Nation Together ~ What will the New Administration and Stimulus Package Mean for State Governments, and State and Local Social Service Programs?**
This session will include a legislative update on the congressional stimulus package; a discussion of how the funds have been allocated and the impact on states and state programs. Participants will also discuss the recently issued state-guided "White" and "Focal Point" papers that were submitted to the new administration on behalf of state and local governments. How can states partner with the new administration and the federal government in providing services to Americans and rebuilding communities, families and the economy?

Keynote Speaker: *The Honorable Senator Leticia Van de Putte, (TX)*

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM **ICPC ~ Reviewing Practices and the Way We Do Business - Part II Questions and Answers**

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Registration**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM **Interstate Placements and ICWA Compliance**
This session will provide an overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). State and local agencies will discuss how they can ensure compliance with the ICWA law and guidelines when placing tribal children.

Speaker: *Michael A. Nomura (OK)*, Co-Founder, Heritage Family Services, Inc.

Moderator: *Linda Foster (OK)*, Deputy Compact Administrator

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM **Securing Medical and Educational Services in Interstate Placements ~ Part I**
Participants will be trained on Medicaid and how to obtain medical services for IV-E and non-IV-E children. Participants will also discuss educational costs and when and why states may charge for education and what alternatives are available in interstate placements.

Speakers: *Pamela Kemp Parker (TX)*, Special Projects Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Max Villarreal (TX), CPS Division Administrator, Federal/State Support Division, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Moderator: *Gina Gelnett (TX)*, Deputy Compact Administrator

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM **Securing Medical and Educational Services in Interstate Placements ~ Part II**

Speakers: *Pamela Kemp Parker (TX)*, Special Projects Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Max Villarreal (TX), CPS Division Administrator, Federal/State Support Division, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Moderator: *Gina Gelnett (TX)*, Deputy Compact Administrator

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **Awards and President's Luncheon**

Plenary Speaker: *Joyce James (TX)*, Deputy Commissioner, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Welcome: *Jerry Friedman (DC)*, Executive Director, APHSA

Moderator: *James Graves (GA)*, AAICPC President, ICPC Program Administrator, GA Department of Human Resources

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM **Federal Legislative Updates ~ Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act**

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act was signed into law Oct. 7, 2008, and is being heralded as one of the biggest pieces of child welfare legislation to support states in addressing the needs of children and their education. This session will provide an overview of the Fostering Connections Act; report any updates concerning the law and/or program instructions; and engage states in sharing strategies and challenges with implementation. States will discuss any continuing challenges and improvement in state outcomes with the **Adam Walsh Act of 2006 and the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006.**

Speaker: *Allison Palmer (DC)*, Child Welfare Program Specialist, ACF, Children's Bureau

Moderator: *Carla Fults (DC)*, Project Manager, APHSA

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM **Break**

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM **Uniform Home Studies: The Wave of the Future ~ Will a Uniform Home Study Improve and Expedite the Interstate Process?**

Reportedly 15 states and Canada are using a uniform home study. The home study instrument will be introduced and an update of the successes and challenges to date. Is this the next step in ensuring timely home studies and placements?

Speakers: *Kate Cleary (CA)*, Executive Director, Consortium for Children
Ada White (LA), SAFE Program Director, Consortium for Children

Moderator: *Cheri Stewart (TN)*, Deputy Compact Administrator

Tuesday, APRIL 21, 2009

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Registration**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Morning Café**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM **Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) ~ What We've Learned**

The ICJ was ratified by passage in 35 states in 2008 and convened its first interstate Commission meeting in December 2008. The ICJ presenter will share experiences of how states worked with their legislatures to secure passage in 35 states (ratification); provide an update on the new ICJ and where they are in the rulemaking process; and report on the success and challenges being faced during transition from the old ICJ to the new ICJ and how ICPC can assist in the transition.

Speakers: Donna Bonner (TX), Deputy Administrator and Commissioner, Texas Interstate Compact for Juveniles

Richard Masters (KY), Special Counsel for Interstate Compacts, The Council of State Governments

Moderator: Harry Gilmore (OR), Deputy Compact Administrator

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM **The New Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children**

Participants will review the New ICPC and all changes made since distribution of the Revised ICPC in 2006. A side-by-side of the current ICPC and the New ICPC will be used to guide this discussion. ICPC members will identify ways the association can begin planning for transition to the New ICPC. Should the focus remain on assisting states with introduction and enactment of the New ICPC?

Should sub-committees or task forces (which include stakeholders) be convened to review the current ICPC laws and administration for recommendation upon transition to the New ICPC? States that are introducing, amending or have passed the New ICPC will also report. Stakeholder organizations will share their goals for supporting the New ICPC and next steps.

Speakers: Carla Fults (DC), ICPC Project Manager, APHSA

Richard Masters (KY), Special Counsel for Interstate Compacts, The Council of State Governments

Moderator: Stephen Pennypacker (FL), Compact Administrator, Florida Department of Children and Families

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **Lunch on your own**

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM **Going Paperless Part II ~ Informational Follow-up on Web-based Session**

The session will provide participants with the actual costs and cost benefits to state offices operating a web-based system, along with the fiscal, program and environmental benefits of using it. Reportedly, states are saving money in storage, paper and mailing costs, and improving time frames for processing interstate placements. Attendees may ask questions and receive examples of how states are improving outcomes for children and saving state budgets upwards of \$50,000+ per office.

Speaker: Stephen Pennypacker (FL), Compact Administrator, Florida Department of Children and Families

Sessions moderated by AAICPC Executive Committee and Sub-Committees.