

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

March 10, 2008

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-16-08

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
CDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES
ALL COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON
THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (AAICPC) 33rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The purpose for this All County Information Notice is to inform counties of the 33rd Annual AAICPC Conference that will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, from May 2-6, 2008.

The California Department of Social Services would like to encourage interested county staff to participate in this event. In addition to the training and information that will be provided by the American Public Human Services Association (ASHPA) regarding the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) and related topics, this conference is a wonderful opportunity to network with and learn from the compact liaisons from other states. Whether your ICPC liaison is relatively new to their job or has years of experience working with ICPC, the information provided will play a vital role in helping them to ensure positive outcomes for children placed across state lines.

For more information on the conference you can visit the AAICPC website at:
http://icpc.aphsa.org/Home/home_news.asp

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

GREGORY E. ROSE
Acting Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

c: CWDA

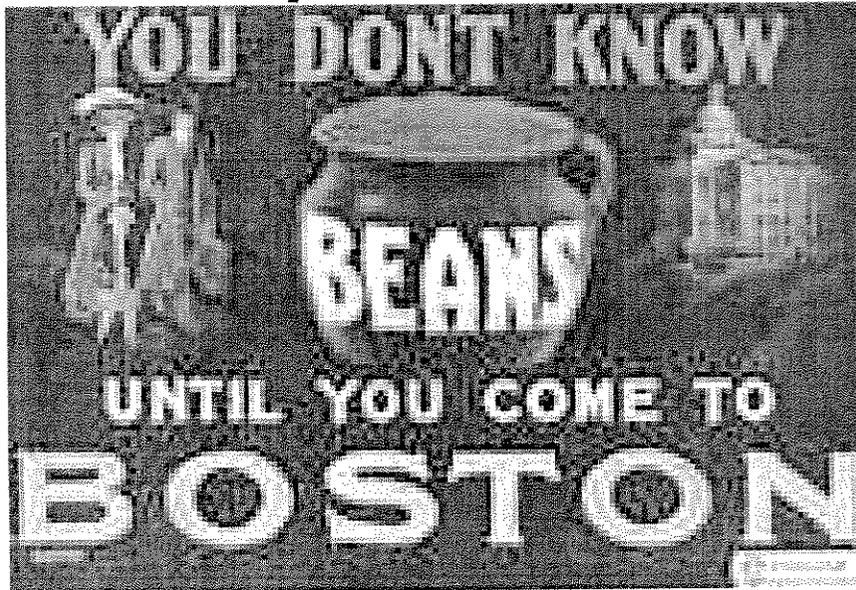
Attachments

AICPC

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

an affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association

33rd Annual Conference May 2 - 6, 2008



SAVE THE DATE

At the

Omni Parker House Hotel

60 School Street

Boston, MA 02108

Tel: (617) 227-8600 Fax: (617) 742-5729

Room Rate: \$186.00 single/double plus applicable state and local tax or
Current prevailing per diem rate plus applicable tax;
Call 1 (617) 227-8600 or 1 (800) 843-6664 for reservations

In order to receive the group rate, please reference
"American Association of the Interstate Compact" Conference when making your guestroom
reservations

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/BostonParkerHouse.aspx>

Hotel Reservation Deadline: Until Full or Thursday, March 25, 2008

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

AAICPC's 2008 Annual Conference Pre-Agenda

May 2—6, 2008

Boston, Massachusetts

Friday, May 2 - Saturday, May 3, 2008 (noon)

- **Compact Administrator's Training:** The Nuts and Bolts of being a Compact/Deputy Compact Administrator (Appropriate for Beginner and Advanced Compact Administrators, includes practice workshops) *This training will be one day and a half of comprehensive training to include key components of the roles, duties and responsibilities of a CA/DCA. Techniques in addressing difficult interstate cases and case management also included. **This training is open to all participants and will be offered by Certified CA Training Team. (additional \$145 fee - training materials included)***

Saturday, May 3 (afternoon) – Sunday, May 4, 2008 (noon)

- **AAICPC Business Meeting Part 1 and 2 (ICPC Administration):** AAICPC sub-committees will provide an update on committee work chartered to improve administration of the ICPC. This forum will also allow participants to raise practice and policy concerns which present barriers in applying the ICPC and in processing interstate cases. States will take a closer look at the ICPC process and the processes that underline timely ICPC placements, such as criminal background checks, the home study process and licensing and training. There will be a special presentation on criminal background checks and useful tools to facilitate states' ability to share critical information across state lines.
- **Dispelling the Myths About Interstate Placements** — Special interest groups will present and discuss challenges, myths, experiences and successes in accessing and negotiating the ICPC process. Groups represented will include residential treatment facilities, private adoption agencies and parent interest groups. Participants will review critical areas of the ICPC process which may present problems in processing ICPC cases and exchange ideas of how the ICPC office and the sending (requesting) agency can ensure timely placements.

Sunday, May 4, 2008

- **State Court Improvement Plans:** What role has interstate placements played in state court improvement plans. Are state courts improving measures to meet permanency in interstate placements? Has the Safe and Timely Act of 2006 improved cooperation between states in facilitating the judiciary process in permanency hearings?

Monday, May 5, 2008

- **Disproportionality and Child Welfare Workers - Are We the Problem or the Solution?** Recent reports consistently show that there is disparate numbers of minorities, particularly African Americans, in the child welfare system. This session will provide an overview of recent research and statistics and an opportunity for discussion of some of the causes of over representation of minorities in child welfare. Caseworker practices and systems approach will be discussed.
- **Family First- Fatherhood Initiatives and Diligent Search Techniques** – This session will look at initiatives aligned with the requirements of ASFA, and explore the benefits of including and preparing fathers to assume responsibility for children before and after they are displaced into foster care. How can states facilitate father's involvement in interstate placements? The session will also provide participants with innovative techniques of searching for and locating relatives in interstate placements.
- **Interstate Placements and ICWA Compliance** – This discussion will provide participants with an overview of the key components and considerations required when tribal children are placed across state lines.
- **Education in Interstate Placements:** This session will include a discussion of the challenges states face when placing children across state lines in states that charge for public education. The topic will also review why states charge and what factors are taken into consideration when charging for public education.
- **Federal Enactments and Mandates - Where are we now?** Discussion of the states' implementation plans and a review of state outcomes since implementation of the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006, the Adam Walsh Act of 2006, Family and Child Services Improvement Act of 2006 and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2006 on interstate offices and child welfare. A review of the President's Budget for 2008 and 2009 and the impact on the states that anticipated receiving incentive funding for timely home studies under Safe and Timely in light of non-appropriation.

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

- **The New Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (2008)-** Participants will review recent changes to the New Compact and identify ways the association can begin planning for transition and implementation of the new compact. States will also receive an update on the states that introduced and/or passed the New ICPC (2008).
- **Interstate Placements and Medical Assistance** - How can states access medical assistance in interstate placements? Has implementation of the DRA made accessing medical assistance easier or more difficult? What role does case management and social work principles play in securing medical assistance for non IV-E children?