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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 118-83

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC)-FOSTER CARE  
PLACEMENT REQUESTS MADE DIRECTLY TO OUT-OF-STATE LOCAL AGENCIES

This letter updates information provided to you in All-County Letter No. 83-10; specifically, that portion relative to informal arrangements made between local agencies on Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) placements.

Copies of ACL 83-10 were shared with the other forty-five compact administrators. Most states did not offer any comment on California counties working directly with their local agencies in securing home evaluations and/or information pertaining to proposed placements. Four states, however, namely Texas, Tennessee, Georgia and Iowa, strongly opposed any pre-placement arrangements made by the respective local offices. These states are concerned that direct contact tends to create more problems than it solves. In many instances, information transmitted between the two agencies never reaches the ICPC state office. Additionally, placement arrangements and negotiations are sometimes made that legally cannot be followed because of statutory differences unknown to the case workers.

The four above-mentioned states have adopted a policy of not accepting direct requests at the local level. Those local offices have been instructed to notify their state offices upon receipt of such requests and to not take any action on them until clearance has been given. California counties are asked to refrain from attempting to expedite paperwork by making direct requests to these states as that process will ultimately result in further delays. While ACL 83-10 took the position that direct communication between local agencies for facilitating a placement is to be encouraged, all communication with the four states indicated above which involves a new placement/home study request should be directed through the California ICPC office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Loren D. Suter'.

LOREN D. SUTER  
Deputy Director  
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cc: CWDA