

Best Practice Guidelines for a Receiving State's Supervision of Children Placed by a Sending State via the ICPC

Guiding Principle: Children placed out-of-state with a placement resource in another state will be supervised by the receiving state in the same manner and in accordance with the same standards that children under the jurisdiction of the receiving state are supervised.

Key elements of effective supervision by a receiving state:

- Supervision begins after the placement has been approved by the ICPC office in the receiving state, and the sending state has provided the receiving state with a form 100B indicating that the child has been placed with the approved placement resource.
- First face-to-face contact with the child in the child's home will occur as soon as possible and no later than 30 days from the date that the receiving state is notified that the child has been placed.
- Face-to-Face contacts with the child and with the child's care-giver(s)/placement resource(s) will occur with the same frequency and in the same manner that face-to-face contacts occur for children under the jurisdiction of the public child welfare agency in the receiving state. At a minimum, face to face contacts will occur at least once per month, as required by Section 422 of the Federal Social Security Act. In part, this federal law requires that ***“children are visited on a monthly basis and that the caseworker visits are well-planned and focused on issues pertinent to case planning and service delivery to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children”***.
- Face to face contacts with children will occur ***at the child's residence*** as often as possible.
- Face to face contacts with children will be made by the caseworker in the receiving state who is assigned to supervise the placement.
- Keeping in mind that the sending state bears ultimate financial responsibility for meeting the needs of the child and supporting the child's placement, the supervising worker in the receiving state will assist the child and the child's care-givers in accessing services and supports that are available and can be provided

by the receiving state, such as health care, mental health services, public assistance, educational services, etc..

- When visiting with the family in person or by phone, the supervising worker in the receiving state will do what is possible, and what is appropriate to the role of a supervising worker, to keep the family focused on the achievement of the child's case plan goals established by the child welfare agency in the sending state and to assist the family in the achievement of those goals.
- At least once every ninety days the supervising caseworker in the receiving state will prepare a written report with regard to the child's placement, and will send a copy of the report to the ICPC office in his or her state. At a minimum the report will include the following:
 - Dates and locations of face-to-face contacts with the child
 - A summary of the child's current circumstances, including a statement regarding the on-going safety and well-being of the child in placement, and a description of any safety concerns
 - Where applicable, a summary of the child's school performance (include copies of IEP documents, educational evaluations, report cards, or other school records if available)
 - A summary of the child's current health/medical/mental health status, including the dates of any medical/dental appointments and the identity of the healthcare provider seen (include copies of evaluations, reports or other pertinent records)
 - A description of any unmet needs and any recommendations for meeting identified needs
 - Where applicable, the supervising caseworker's recommendation regarding any of the following:
 - continuation of current placement
 - return of custody to parent and termination of sending state's jurisdiction
 - finalization of adoption
 - granting of guardianship to existing care-givers
- The supervising caseworker and other child welfare authorities in the receiving state will act on reports of child abuse and neglect involving children placed from out-of-state in the same manner that reports of child abuse or neglect are acted upon when children from the receiving state are involved.