

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 9: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Section 10: Termination of Jurisdiction (ICPC Case Closure)	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Before the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) can end its legal responsibility for a child placed out-of-state through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), both states must agree. This process makes sure there is clear communication and oversight between states so children and families are still supported.

POLICY STATEMENT

DCS will require approval from both states' ICPC offices prior to ending wardship of an Indiana child placed out-of-state.

According to the law, the sending state keeps jurisdiction over matters related to the child, including but not limited to, the custody, supervision, care, and disposition of the child. The sending state also keeps the authority to request to return the child or transfer them to another location and custody, if needed. The receiving state has authority to monitor the child's supervision and services specified in the ICPC agreement.

Jurisdiction may be ended when the child:

1. Is adopted;
2. Reaches the age of majority according to Indiana laws; or
3. The ICPC Office in the receiving state agrees with the sending state to end wardship.

LEGAL REFERENCES

[IC 31-28-4: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#)