

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 9: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Section 12: Violations of ICPC Procedures	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) is uniform process for interstate child placement. The process is important to make sure children live in safe settings and are receiving services and care they need to thrive. It is important that any violations in this process be reported so that no child is left without the care and supervision they need.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will follow the laws that govern the ICPC. Failure on the part of DCS staff to follow the ICPC policies and procedures may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

DCS staff will report any known or alleged ICPC violations, including illegal ICPC placements by another state, to the DCS ICPC Office. The DCS ICPC Office will then report the known or alleged violation to the other state's ICPC Office. DCS reserves the right to contact the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) regarding ICPC violations.

If an Indiana court orders a child to be placed out-of-state without a completed ICPC, DCS will file an objection on the record with the court based on the rules of the ICPC and notify the DCS ICPC Office of the placement.

If a DCS local office is aware they have violated the ICPC, the DCS ICPC Office should be notified so that efforts may be taken to correct the circumstances that caused the violation.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-28-4-1: Article IV: Penalty for Illegal Placement](#)