

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 9: Interstate Compact (ICPC) Section 05: Expedited Placement for Out-of-State ICPC Placements	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

ICPC Regulation No. 7 helps children move quickly to live with relatives in another state when needed. The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) follows this rule by getting a court order that explains why the child qualifies for a faster placement. This rule does not apply in every case, like when the child is already in another state without permission, or when the placement is with a parent or for adoption. Also, ICPC is not needed if the child is being placed with a parent under certain conditions.

POLICY STATEMENT

ICPC Regulation No. 7 is called Expedited Placement. It allows a rapid placement of children with relatives outside of Indiana. The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will follow all court orders to expedite an Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) placement in accordance with ICPC Regulation No. 7.

DCS will get a court order that says:

1. The child is entitled to an expedited placement; and
2. How the child meets the criteria for expedited placement.

ICPC Regulation No. 7 does not apply to any case in the sending state where:

1. The child is already in the receiving state in violation of ICPC;
2. The request for placement of the child is for a licensed or approved resource parent or adoption; or
3. If the court:
 - a. Places the child with a parent that the child was not removed from,
 - b. Has no evidence the parent is unfit,
 - c. Does not seek any evidence from the receiving state, and
 - d. The parent is either fit or unfit, and the court relinquishes jurisdiction over the child immediately upon placement with the parent.

Note: ICPC is not needed when placing a child with a parent.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-10-2-2: Consideration of the best interest of the child](#)
- [IC 31-28-4: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 2](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 7](#)