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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. N.R.S. Sec. 43-1101.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Placing a child without license: agency subject to 30 days imprisonment and/or fine \$50 to \$200. N.R.S. Sec. 43-709 (1968). Violation of licensing requirements a misdemeanor punishable by fine \$50-\$200 and/or imprisonment for 30 days.

Age of Majority. 19 years.

Court Jurisdiction. County Court or Juvenile Court have jurisdiction in adoption. N.R.S. Sec. 24-517 (1973 Supp.). District Court: Domestic relations. N.R.S. Sec. 42-301 (1968). County Court, District and Separate Juvenile Courts divided on basis of population: jurisdiction over children under 18 years of age who are dependent, neglected, and delinquent. N.R.S. Sec. 43-201 to 215 (1968).

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly unless otherwise specified.

Licensing: Requirements. Voluntary child care institutions, placing agencies and group homes licensed under N.R.S. Sec. 71-1901 through 1905. Foster Family homes evaluated and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. Foster homes caring for two or more unrelated children licensed under Sec. 71.1901 through 1905 (1968). Nebraska is attempting to license all relative placements.

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PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Parent or duly licensed agency may place child for adoption or otherwise. N.R.S. Sec. 43-701 (1968).

Adoption Petition. Petition filed in county court in county of petitioner's residence. N.R.S. Section 43-102 (1968). Child must live with adopting family six months before filing of petition and final decree of adoption. N.R.S. Sec. 43-109 (1968).

Residential Placements.

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Placements into licensed residential facilities by parents, agencies, or courts.

-Requirements for Placements: Facility must be licensed: ICPC-100A child summary, court order.

-Approval of Facilities: Licensed biennially by the Department of Social Services, Division of Human Services, (402) 471-3305.

-Rate Setting: Contract Margaret Bitz, Division of Human Services, Telephone: (402) 471-9457.

-Monitoring of the Child: Reports provided by the care facility.

-Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Must be appropriate to the needs of the child.

Requirements for Foster Care Placements. Foster homes caring for two or more unrelated children must be licensed in Nebraska. Out-of-state foster care homes must meet the receiving state's law and requirements.

PAYMENTS

Title IV-E Payments. If Title IV-E eligibility requirements are met, Title IV-E payments will be made.

Medicaid Payments. Provided for Nebraska children placed with foster parents and relatives in other states.

Foster Care Payments. Nebraska agencies are prohibited from making any payments on behalf of non-resident children placed with relatives in Nebraska when such children are in the custody of another state. However, the relative can apply for assistance under the TANF program. Nebraska's foster care payment rate will be paid for Nebraska children placed in foster care out of state,

Special Education Payments. Services available at cost to the sending state.

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse HOTLINE. Calls from outside Nebraska are not toll free. Telephone Division of Human Services, (800) 652-1999.

Juvenile Compact Office. **Probation**, Judy Riddle, (402) 471-2855, **Parole**, Rita Krusemark, (402) 471-9254.

Mental Health Compact Office. Patricia Parker, (402) 471-2851.