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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ICPC Code Citation. NRS Title 11, Chapter 127.320-127.350.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Violation of adoption statutes is a misdemeanor. (NRS 127.310)  
Violation of licensing statutes is a misdemeanor (NRS 424.100).

Age of Majority. Eighteen (18) years of age. NRS 129.010.

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile Division, District Court-Child Protection (NRS Chapter 432B), delinquency and child in need of supervision (NRS Chapter 62). District Court-Adoptions (NRS 127), termination of parental rights (NRS 128), divorce and related custody issues (NRS 125).

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Custody Investigation. Divorce Cases and Other Non-Compact Matters. For Clark County only: Family Mediation Center, Family Courts and Services Center, 601 N. Pecos Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101-2408, Telephone (702) 455-4186, FAX (702) 455-2158. Contact above agency for referral to private evaluators in the community. For Washoe County Legal Services (775) 329-2727.

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## REQUIREMENTS

Licensing Requirements. Foster homes, Title IV-E paid relative foster homes, child placing agencies, and child care institutions are required to be licensed by the Division of Child and Family Services (NRS 424, 127, and 432A.131).

## PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. An incoming placement is not lawful, including if placed by child's parent(s), unless a notice of proposed placement is received by the Division of Child and Family Services and a study completed by the same within 60 days. Exception: Child related to prospective adoptive parents within the third degree of consanguinity or the placement is arranged by a licensed child placing agency.

Independent Adoption studies must meet the mandates of NRS 127, and specifically NRS 127.280 which mandates, section 8, (4), that "medical, mental, financial, and moral backgrounds of the prospective adoptive parents" be investigated. Law enforcement checks are required.

### Adoption Home Study Requirements for Nevada Children Placed Out-of-State:

Nevada Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is unable to release a Nevada child for adoptive placement until a home study incorporating the following information is received and reviewed by this office. In independent adoptions, the birth mother must have an opportunity to review the information.

1. Name, title, and agency affiliation of the author of the home study.
2. Documentation of a face-to-face interview with the prospective adoptive parents and one visit with the prospective adoptive parents in their home.
3. Information on other residents in the home.
4. Information on the marital or other relationships between adult members of the household.
5. A request for and review of any records and investigations made regarding the abuse or neglect of a child by the applicants.
6. A request for and review of any records of criminal history regarding the applicants conducted within the past year, by FBI fingerprint or local law enforcement agency or both.
7. Report on five satisfactory references from persons who have known the applicants for not less than 2 years. Not more than two of the references may be from members of the family of the applicant.
8. Information on the prospective adoptive parents' financial and housing situation.
9. A statement from a physician regarding each applicants' general health.
10. A statement from the individual or licensed child-placing agency conducting the home study assessing the prospective adoptive parent's mental stability and preparedness for adoption.

Please contact the Deputy Compact Administrator if you need further information.

Adoption Petition. Petitioner must have resided in the state of Nevada for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the granting of the petition (NRS 127.060). Persons adopting a child must be at least ten (10) years older than the child to be adopted (NRS 127.020). A petition for adoption may be filed at any time after child has lived in the home of petitioners for a period of 30 days (NRS 127.110). The Division of Child and Family Services or a licensed child placing agency must investigate and report on all petitioners.

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## Residential Placements.

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

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

-Approval of Facilities: Facilities caring for children are licensed annually.

-Rate Setting: Rates are established by each facility.

-Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility of the sending agency by means of facility reports and contact with the facility.

-Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Placement must comply with Interstate Compact requirements and be in the best interest of the child.

## **PAYMENTS**

TANF Payments. Payments are provided by the Nevada State Welfare Division for out-of-state children placed with relatives in Nevada if eligibility requirements for caretakers are met and the children are not receiving benefits from the sending state.

Medicaid Payments for Nevada Custody Children Placed in Another State. Nevada children placed in foster care in other states are eligible for COBRA Medicaid if receiving Title IV-E maintenance payments from Nevada. Nevada Medicaid benefits are provided if the child is not receiving Title IV-E maintenance payments from Nevada. Out-of-state providers should contact the Provider Enrollment Unit at (887) 638-3472 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard time, or email: [nevadamedicaid@fhsc.com](mailto:nevadamedicaid@fhsc.com). For assistance with completing forms electronically, see How to Complete First Health Service Forms Online.

Medicaid Payments for Children Placed in Nevada from Another State. Children placed in Nevada by other states are eligible for COBRA Medicaid through the Nevada Division of Child and Family services if receiving Title IV-E maintenance payments from the sending state. This includes meeting all licensing criteria, which is a Title IV-E requirement. Relative caregivers must be licensed in order to receive COBRA Medicaid from the Division of Child and Family Services. For children not receiving Title IV-E maintenance payments, caregivers may apply at the Nevada State Welfare Division for Medicaid benefits.

Foster Care Payments. Nevada, as the sending state, will generally pay Nevada's rate unless the receiving state requests, in writing, that their usual rate be paid. If such a request is received, the foster payment is based on the receiving State's rate with Nevada DCFS approval.

Special Education Payments. Local school boards administer special education funds in Nevada.

## **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect. (775) 684-4415.

Interstate Compact on Juveniles. (775) 688-1421.

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