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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. N.C.G.S. 7B – 3800 through N.C.G.S. 7B – 3806.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Violation of the laws North Carolina (see, e.g. Article 10 of Chapter 48 of NCGS) as well as the other involved states; punishable by laws of either or both states as well as suspension or revocation of any and all licenses, permits, or other legal authority to place or care for children.

Age of Majority. 18 years. N.C.G.S. 7B – 3800, Art II (a); N.C.G.S. 7B – 3400.

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile Division of District Court: delinquency, undisciplined, abused, dependent, neglected children; termination of parental rights, emancipation. Clerk of Superior Court: adoption proceedings. District Court: divorce, alimony, custody, child support.

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SPECIAL INFORMATION

Custody Investigation. Requests may be routed through the Compact Office or sent directly. Some counties charge a fee for this non-mandated service.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly reports are required unless otherwise specified or major change occurs.

Licensing Requirements. License required for non-related families, child placing agencies and child care facilities. N.C.G.S. 131D – 10.1 through N.C.G.S. 131D – 10.9.

PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful if made by parents.

Adoption Petition. Residency requirement for petitioner: 6 months; waived in step-parent and grandparent adoptions. Minimum time before final decree: 1 year from date of placement agency and independent; no time requirement in relative placements or where child over 12 years of age gives consent and lives with petitioners for 5 years. Petition can be filed anytime after placement. Court orders agency investigation in all adoption proceedings. No money or compensation of any kind, or advertisement, for receiving a child. Chapter 48 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Residential Placements.

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: All residential placements require approval with the exception of those facilities that are primarily educational or medical.

-Requirements for Placements: ICPC-100A, social summary, case financial plan, and other information as required by the Compact Administrator.

-Approval of Facilities: The Department of Human Resources. Licenses are generally renewed annually.

-Rate Setting: Rates are negotiated between the facility and the sending agency.

-Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility rests with the sending agency and the residential facility.

-Philosophy for Placements of Non-Resident Youth: Placements are to be made into approved licensed facilities and must be appropriate to the needs of the child.

Requirements for Foster Care Placements. Foster homes or facilities must meet receiving states standards for licensure/approval.

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PAYMENTS

AFDC Payments. Payments are provided on behalf of non-resident youth if eligibility requirements are met.

Medicaid Payments. Same as above for non-resident youth placed with parents or relatives. N.C. children who are not IV-E eligible, placed in foster care in other states, are eligible for N.C. Medicaid payments provided the vendor participates in the N.C. Medicaid program.

Foster Care Payments on Behalf of Children in Out-of-state Placements. The county's rate of payments is flexible; however, state reimbursement cannot exceed maximum rates set by the Social Services Commission. Payment cannot be made until verification is received signifying that the facility is licensed/approved.

Foster Care Payments Required for Children Placed in N.C.. It is the policy of N.C. that any sending state is required to pay their own foster care board rate for children placed in N.C..

Special Education Payments. Payments are provided at the option of the local school board.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse Registry. Calls are not toll free. (919) 733-7831.

Juvenile Compact Office. (919) 733-3388 ext. 285 and 265.

Mental Health Compact Office. (919) 733-3654.