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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. NDCC 14-13-01 to 14-13-08 (1971).

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Misdemeanor, fine of \$100 and imprisonment of 30 days. NDCC 50-11-10 (1974). Revocation of license. NDCC 50-11-06-3 (1974). Class C felony to make placement without license. NDCC 50-12-17 (1974).

Age of Majority. 18 years. NDCC 14-10-01 (1973 SUPP.) NDCC 14-15-01 (1971).

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile Court: NDCC 27-20 (1974). District Court: NDCC 14-15.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly, unless specified otherwise on the ICPC referral.

Licensing Requirements. Family foster care, group homes, and residential child care facilities licensed by North Dakota Department of Human Services. NDCC 50-11 (1993). Child placing agencies licensed by the North Dakota Department of Human Services. NDCC 50-12.

PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Unlawful. Placement shall be made by a child-placing agency licensed by the North Dakota Department of Human Services, except that a parent upon giving written notice to the North Dakota Department of Human Services may place his/her child in the home of an immediate relative. NDCC 14-10-05 and 50-12-17. Parents may name the adoptive

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family for their child. Should the District Court find it in the best interest of the child after the relinquishment of parental rights, consents by all parties, and a home investigation filed with the Court, custody may be granted to the identified adoptive parents. NDCC 14-15-1.

Identified Adoption Placements. Parents may name the adoptive family for their child. Should the District Court find it in the best interest of the child after the relinquishment of parental rights, consents by all parties, reports of agreements and disbursements, and a report of a licensed child placing agency filed with the Court, custody may be granted to the identified adoptive parents. NDCC 14-15.1. The report of the licensed child placing agency must include an adoptive family assessment (home study), medical and social history of the birth parent's, the birth parent's understanding and acceptance of the proceedings, and a medical and developmental history of the child. NDCC 14-15.1-04.

Adoption Petition. Filed in district of adoptive family, legal custodian, child or agency. NDCC 14-15-04 (1971). Six months minimum time between placement, and the filing of petition and final decree. NDCC 14-15-12 (1971).

Adoption Referral Packet Requirements. Adoption referral packets must include ICPC 100A, adoptive family assessment (home study), social and medical history on both birth parents (or a statement as to why they are not available), medical information of the birth mother related to prenatal care, labor and delivery, medical and developmental information on the child, summary of counseling provided to the birth parent(s), legal documents (termination of parental rights, irrevocable consents/relinquishments) which addresses ALL birth parents, documentation as to how the Indian Child Welfare Act has been addressed and reports of agreements and disbursements. North Dakota DOES NOT recognize "legal risk" placements. Parental rights must be terminated prior to adoptive placement or child must be placed with a family licensed to provide foster care.

Residential Placements.

-Placement Requiring Interstate Approval: All placements into residential facilities require interstate approval.

-Requirements for Placements: Approved ICPC 100-A, Child Summary, including recent diagnostic assessment and that the proposed facility is licensed. Summary needs to be in sufficient detail to make a meaningful evaluation of resource being considered and must include medical, educational needs, and plan for child. A social history is required.

-Approval of Facilities: Licensed by the North Dakota Department of Human Services.

-Rate Setting: The North Dakota Department of Human Services sets a rate for foster care facilities.

-Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility of the sending agency.

-Philosophy for Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Placements are to be appropriate to the needs of the individual youth placed.

Requirements for Foster Care Placements. Licensure/approval for foster homes is required.

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PAYMENTS

TANF Payments. Non-resident children placed with relatives in North Dakota may be eligible to receive TANF payments.

Medicaid Payments. North Dakota IV-E eligible children are to receive Medicaid coverage in the state where they reside, in accordance with Federal (COBRA) amendments, as do eligible children from other states now residing in North Dakota foster care placements. The sending state remains responsible for all other payments.

Foster Care Payments. When North Dakota is the receiving state, the sending agency must reimburse the foster home at a rate consistent with North Dakota's foster care prevailing rate. When North Dakota is the sending state, the foster home must be reimbursed at the receiving state's prevailing rate.

Education Payments. Not provided for non-resident youth placed in North Dakota.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse. Telephone: (701) 328-4806, Gladys Cairns.

Juvenile Compact Office. Division of Juvenile Services, (701) 667-1405.

Mental Health Compact Office. Telephone: (701) 253-3850.

Adoption Services. Telephone: (701) 328-4805; Julie Hoffman, (701) 328-4152; Delores Friedt.

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