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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Ohio is a state-supervised, county-administered state.

ICPC Code Citation. Ohio Revised Code Sections 5103.20 - 5103.28.

Statutory Penalties. ICPC noncompliance constitutes a violation of child placement laws (Ohio revised Code Sections 5103.02 and 5103.03). Violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 5103.03 is punishable by a fine of \$5.00 to \$500.00, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5103.99 (A).

Age of Majority. 18 years of age or 21 if mentally or physically handicapped. Ohio Revised Code Section 3109.01.

Court Jurisdiction. Adoption proceedings are under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court. Dependency, neglect, abuse or delinquency proceedings are under the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. Divorce proceedings and related custody issues are under the Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division.

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Custody Investigations. Divorce Cases and Those Unrelated to the ICPC: Such requests should be sent to the local Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division if known. If uncertain of address, send request to ICPC office for forwarding to appropriate court.

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A direct reply to the inquiring agency will be requested by our office as an ICPC case will not be opened in this office. The request must be accompanied by a copy of the court order. At the discretion of the court, a fee may be charged for this service.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for Placement. Compact States must submit ICPC 100A, child summary, case plan, legal documentation, cover letter, social security number, birth certificate and immunization record if available, and financial/medical information if applicable. Ohio Administrative Code Section 5101-2-42-21.

Reports. Regular ICPC reports are required quarterly unless otherwise specified. Adoption placements require monthly face to face contact. Monthly reports are preferred but can be quarterly.

Licensing Requirements. Private agencies, child care institutions, group homes and boarding homes must be licensed. Ohio Revised Code Section 5103.03. Relative homes and adoptive homes require licensure to be eligible for Title IV-E Maintenance Payments.

## **PLACEMENTS**

Independent Adoptive Placements. Legal parent(s) must personally apply to and appear before the Probate court for a consent which cannot be initiated until at least 72 hours after the birth of the child. The court should appoint an agency or an individual to conduct an investigation of the proposed placement. The placement must be approved by the court. Ohio Revised Code Section 5103.16.

Adoptive Placements. The sending agency must provide clear legal documentation that the agency has full legal authority to make the placement.

Adoption Petition. Adoptions cannot be finalized until the child has resided in the petitioner's home for a period of six months. Minimum time between the filing of petition and final decree is thirty days. All records and papers pertaining to adoptions are confidential. Ohio Revised Code Sections 3107.11, 3107.13, 3107.17.

### Residential Placements.

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: All placements must be approved except placements into mental retardation and developmental disability, educational or medical facilities. Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.39.

-Requirements for Placements: Compact States must submit ICPC-100A, a child summary, case plan, and legal documents, if applicable. Territories must submit a child summary, signed guaranty forms, and legal documents, if applicable. Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.39.

-Approval of Facilities: All facilities, i.e., group homes, institutions and residential treatment facilities, for ICPC placements must be licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.09.

-Rate Setting: Rates are established by each facility. Title IV-E Foster Care maintenance reimbursement rates are established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

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-Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility of the receiving agency by means of facility reports and contacts with the facility.

## **PAYMENTS**

Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payments. Title IV-E eligible children in the custody of an Ohio Public Children Services agency are eligible for the Title N-E Foster Care Maintenance payments if the out-of-state placement resource is licensed/certified/approved by the state in which it is located and if an

ODHS Title IV-E FCM rate has been established. For further information contact ODHS Office of Children and Families, (614) 466-1213.

Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance payments are not available on behalf of children in the custody of child care agencies of other states.

ADC-Related Medicaid - Children in Care. A child whose custody is held by an Ohio child care agency may be eligible for ADC-related Medicaid if placed in an eligible facility.

Educational. Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.64 requires tuition payments for non-resident students. Adoptive placements are not required to pay tuition. Sending agency retains responsibility for these payments.

## **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Child Abuse/Neglect. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Child Protective Services Section, 255 E. Main St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Telephone: (614) 466-9824.

Juvenile Compact Office. Ohio Department of Youth Services, 51 N. High Street, 8th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0582. Telephone: (612) 466-2788.

Mental Health-Compact Office. Ohio Department of Mental Health. 30 E. Broad Street, 8th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0414. Telephone: (614) 466-9993.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). These are to be sent directly to the ICPC Office. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 255 E. Main St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Telephone (614) 466-9274.

Ohio Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA). These are sent directly to the ICPC Office Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 255 E. Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Telephone (888) 313-3100.