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GENERAL INFORMATION

Virginia Revised Code. Code Sections 63.2-1000 and 63.2-1100.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. None.

Age of Majority. 18 years. (Code Section 16.1-228).

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile and Domestic Relations court in the district where the child/family reside(s) handles abuse and neglect, children in need of services and delinquent petitions. Circuit court in the district of residence handles petitions for divorce. Adoption petitions may be filed in the Circuit Court where the petitioners reside or where the placing agency is located.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Child Custody. Requests for evaluations on parents in divorce cases may be sent directly to the appropriate local agency or court service unit, if address is known. If unknown, request may be sent, in duplicate, to the ICPC office for forwarding to the local agency for direct response. All requests involving parties other than parents must be sent, along with the court order, to the ICPC office.

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REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly reports are required unless otherwise specified. Child placement agencies are to supervise foster care placements as required by the State Board of Social Services. (Code Section 63.2-904). Three visits within a six (6) month period are required for adoptive placements. (Code Section 63.2-1212).

Licensing Requirements. Authorization to place is restricted to public departments of social services and licensed child-placing agencies.

PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful in Virginia providing the placement was directly arranged and made by child's parents or legal guardian. (Section Code 63.2-1230). Procedures for Parental Placement Adoption into and out of Virginia are accessible at www.dss.state.va.us/pub/pdf/icpc_parental. Contact ICPC office for procedures.

Adoption Petition. Adoption petitions are to be filed in the court of jurisdiction either where the adoptive parents reside or where the agency having custody of the child is located. (Code Section 63.2-1201). 90 days minimum time between filing of the petition for adoption and final decree. (Code Section 63.2-1212). For agency placements, child is to have lived in the home of the petitioner(s) for at least six (6) months and have had at least three (3) supervisory visits with no less than 90 days between the first and last visit before the petition for adoption can be filed.

Preplacement Adoptive Home Studies. Required by Code Sections 63.2-904 and 63.2-1231.

Residential Placements

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: All placements by agencies, courts, school divisions, and parents require interstate approval with the exception of placements in to those facilities primarily educational in nature.

Requirements for Placements: ICPC-100A, child summary, recent diagnostic assessment, and statement indicating why placement into a Virginia facility is in the child's best interest.

-Approval of Facilities: Residential facilities are approved through the Coordinator's office, Interdepartmental Licensure and Certification, Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services.

-Rate Setting: Determined by private facilities.

-Monitoring of the Child: Sending agency and residential facility are responsible.

-Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Virginia foster homes are approved in accordance with agency standards. Foster homes for Virginia children placed out of state must meet standards set by the receiving state.

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PAYMENTS

AFDC Payments. Virginia agencies are prohibited from making such payments for nonresident children placed with relatives in Virginia.

Medicaid Payments. Provided for Virginia children placed with foster parents and relatives in other states until agency custody is terminated. Coverage is limited to three (3) months for placements with natural parents.

Foster Care Payments. Payments are made in accordance with the receiving state's rates.

Adoption Subsidy. Subsidy is available for monthly maintenance and/or special services at local agency option.

Special Education Payments. Provided for non-resident children in a limited number of localities.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child & Adult Abuse Hotline.

(804) 371-0896 if reporting Adult Abuse from out-of-state telephone number.

(804) 786-8536 if reporting Child Abuse from out-of-state telephone number.

(888) 832-3858 if reporting Adult Abuse from within Virginia.

(800) 552-7096 if reporting Child Abuse from within Virginia.

1-800-838-8238 Virginia Family Violence Hotline.

Juvenile Compact Office. (804) 692-0167, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice.

Mental Health Interstate Transfers. (804) 786-0040.

Adoption Exchange of VA (AREVA). (800) 362-3678. www.adopt.org.va

ICAMA Compact. (804) 726-7582 or 726-7557

Closed Adoption Inquiries. (804) 726-7523 or 726-7526