

	<b>INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE MANUAL</b>	
	<b>Chapter 9:</b> Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)	<b>Effective Date:</b> November 1, 2008
	<b>Section 10:</b> Termination of Jurisdiction (ICPC Case Closure)	<b>Version:</b> 1

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>OLD POLICY: 506.6, 507.4</b>
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In accordance with federal law, the court of original jurisdiction (the court in the sending state) retains jurisdiction over the case. The receiving state has no legal authority over the child(ren), except to provide supervision and services as specified in the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) agreement.

Jurisdiction may be terminated by the court when the child:

1. Is adopted;
2. Reaches the age of majority according to the laws of the sending state; or
3. Is discharged from the wardship of the sending state with concurrence of the ICPC Office in the receiving state.

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will require approval from both state ICPC Offices prior to the dismissal of wardship of an Indiana child placed out of state.

Code References

[IC 31-28-4: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#)

<b>PROCEDURE</b>
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**For an Indiana child placed out-of-state**

The receiving state ICPC Office will recommend dismissal of wardship by submission of an [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#) to the DCS ICPC Office.

Upon receipt of the report, the DCS ICPC Office will forward the report to the DCS local office within five (5) business days of receipt of the report.

The Family Case Manager (FCM) will:

1. Convene a Child and Family Team (CFT) Meeting or case conference to ensure that the team agrees with the receiving state's recommendation of wardship dismissal;
2. Advise the DCS ICPC Office of the recommendation to dismiss wardship;
3. Request a court hearing to dismiss wardship within five (5) business days of receipt of the [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#);
4. After the hearing, send an [ICPC Report on Child's Placement Status/100B \(SF26174\)](#) and any relevant court orders to the DCS ICPC Office to advise of the dismissal of jurisdiction and closure of the case; and
5. End the placement in the Indiana Child Welfare Information System (ICWIS).

The DCS ICPC Office will forward all relevant information to the receiving state ICPC Office.

### **For a child from another state placed in Indiana**

The FCM will:

1. Convene a CFT Meeting or case conference to determine whether wardship dismissal is in the child's best interests;
2. Complete an [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#) to advise the DCS ICPC Office of its recommendation to dismiss wardship by submission of a Supervisory Report; and
3. Submit the [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#) to their Supervisor for approval.

The Supervisor will:

1. Approve the [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#); and
2. Immediately forward the [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#) to the DCS ICPC Office.

The DCS ICPC Office will:

1. Forward the [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#) to the sending state ICPC Office within ten (10) calendar days of receipt; and
2. Upon receipt of all relevant information from the sending state ICPC Office regarding wardship dismissal, forward any relevant information to the DCS local office.

### **PRACTICE GUIDANCE**

When the decision is made to recommend wardship dismissal to the court for an ICPC child, the FCM should work with the resource family to make sure they are prepared to assume total responsibility of the child in their care. The FCM should assist the family by making sure the child's medical, educational, mental health, and other specific needs will continue to be met after DCS is no longer involved with the family. Upon receipt of the court order that dismisses wardship, the FCM should notify the resource family within two (2) business days that the case has officially closed.

### **FORMS AND TOOLS**

1. [ICPC Report on the Child's Placement Status/100B \(SF 26174\)](#)- available in ICWIS
2. [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\) Supervision Report \(ICPC110801SUPREP\)](#)

### **RELATED INFORMATION**

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