

ICJ AND ICPC: EXPLORING DIFFERENCES AND BUILDING BRIDGES

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES (ICJ):

The Interstate Commission for Juveniles is the governing body of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). Commission members include representatives from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the US Virgin Islands, who work together to preserve child welfare and promote public safety. The Commission is responsible for promulgating and enforcing rules to implement the ICJ.

The [Interstate Compact for Juveniles \(ICJ\)](#) is the law that regulates the interstate movement of juveniles who are under court supervision or have run away to another state. The ICJ is a contract that has been adopted as law throughout the United States. Therefore, all state and local officials are legally bound to honor and enforce the terms of the Compact.

The Compact provides requirements for supervision and return of juveniles who:

- are on probation, parole, or other supervision, or have escaped to another state;
- have run away from home and left their state of residence;
- have been accused of an offense in another state.

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC):

The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC) is a governmental entity which consists of compact parties from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Established in 1974, the AAICPC, via statutory authority, carries out the rules and terms of the ICPC more effectively.

The [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(ICPC\)](#) establishes uniform legal and administrative procedures which govern the interstate placement of children and is statutory law and a binding contract between member jurisdictions in all fifty-two member jurisdictions.

RELATED RESOURCES:

[ICJ/ICPC BEST PRACTICE GUIDE AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING](#)

This fundamental resource features guidelines for managing cases that may involve both ICJ and ICPC. It features process charts for common case types: family setting, residential setting, and runaways.

This resource was developed by a joint Work Group convened by the governing bodies for the ICJ and ICPC to examine the overlap of cases impacted by both Compacts. In 2012, these national organizations entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines key aspects of each Compact and provides direction for collaboration between ICJ and ICPC personnel. The MOU is included in this resource.

ICJ RESOURCES:

- [ICJ FAQ](#)
- [ICJ Bench Card on Returns](#)
- [ICJ Resources Overview](#)

ICPC RESOURCES:

- [ICPC FAQ](#)
- [Other Resources](#)

STATE DIRECTORIES:

- [ICJ State Directory](#)
- [ICPC State Directory](#)
- [State, Territory, and Tribal Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Resources](#)