

# INTERSTATE COMPACT

## Interstate Compact Overview

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**Policy** The Department of Children and Families is responsible for the operation and administration of three (3) distinct Interstate Compacts to promote the safety, well-being and permanency of children and youth when they move or are placed across state lines.

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**Interstate Compacts Defined** Interstate Compacts are voluntary agreements between two or more states on a particular policy issue that becomes law in each state.

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**The Compacts** Pursuant to CT General Statutes, the Department of Children and Families is responsible for the operation and administration of the following Interstate Compacts:

- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC);
- Interstate Compact on Mental Health (ICMH); and
- Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA).

The above Compacts are mutually exclusive and are designed to serve specific populations of children and youth who require services in a different state.

The requirements set forth by the Compacts apply to the:

- Department of Children and Families;
  - Superior Court for Juvenile Matters;
  - CT Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division;
  - Other public agencies;
  - Private child placing agencies; and
  - Any person, corporation, association, charitable agency of the party state or its subdivision.
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**Placements from Non-Compact Parties** All non-compact parties, (i.e. Puerto Rico) who wish to place children in Connecticut are required to comply with Connecticut law and established procedures before a child is brought into the state and after, until the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age or is adopted.

Legal reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-152.

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**Records** Interstate Compact records are subject to state confidentiality laws and regulations. Any disclosure of records shall be made in accordance with CT General Statutes, primarily §17a-28 and DCF Policies.

**Cross reference:** DCF Policy 6-4 "Record Management".

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**NEICE** The Department of Children and Families Interstate Compact Office (ICO) utilizes the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE), which is a Web-based electronic case-processing system that exchanges data and documents across states.

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