



2017 Annual AAICPC Business Meeting, Training Workshop and Child Welfare Conference

May 19 – 22, 2017 – Portland, Maine

Guiding Children to Permanency; ICPC's Maine Focus

Friday, May 19, 2017 8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. — Saturday, May 20, 2017 (noon) ICPC Beginners Track I and Intermediate/Advance Track II Training

National Training on the ICPC. The Beginner's and Intermediate/Advanced Trainings offer:

- Federal Partners invited to discuss the process for criminal background checks.
- Interactive platforms, small groups and roundtable discussions in both tracks.
- The **Beginner's Track** introduces the key components of the ICPC including articles, regulations and utilization of forms; the content of an ICPC referral; how to recognize ICPC and Non-ICPC cases; and managing timeframes for timely placements.
- The **Intermediate/Advanced Track** is a high-level review and discussion of complex cases, adoptions (conflict of laws/forum shopping), novel issues in ICPC and the duties and responsibilities when training court, agency and caseworker personnel; and, strategies for working with the multi-disciplinary teams, families and locals to process ICPC requests and administer the compact.

Training is open to all participants (There is an additional fee for the training).

Please refer to the registration materials for fees. Training materials and lunch are included in the Training Fee.

Breakfast and Lunch

Saturday, May 20, 2017 1:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. to Sunday, May 21, 2017, 8:30- 5:00 p.m. AAICPC Business Meeting, Parts 1 and 2 (ICPC

Administration) (Full Registrants)

The AAICPC Business Meeting is mandatory for Compact/Deputy Compact Administrators—states must be present to vote.

The business meeting convenes party states to the ICPC to address important matters to administer interstate placements at the national, state, and local levels. **Member and nonmember attendees may participate in the business meeting in important review and discussion of ICPC policies, procedures and practices.**

Open to all full registrants.

Discussion and Voting Matters:

- The AAICPC will **review the 2016-2017 Work Plan** AAICPC subcommittees will report- Highlights: Parent Placement Assessment Standards, Unregulated Custody Transfers; New ICPC, NEICE, Data, etc. Member states will also look at new and individual policies implemented by various compact states that may impact interstate placements or the administration of the ICPC.
- **AAICPC Infrastructure and Operations** – Over the past several years, the AAICPC has been reviewing its operations and infrastructure. AAICPC and APHSA contracted with outside firms to review and deliver an assessment of the best operational and legal structure for the AAICPC as an administrative body of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. AAICPC Members will consider the assessment and the future of the AAICPC and vote on the best operational structure for the AAICPC to meet the needs of state members and the national administration of the ICPC. As part of the AAICPC infrastructure discussion, ownership and operation of the NEICE and the best structural platform to minimize operational costs post grant will also be discussed.
- **One Voice - Organizing around the New Proposed ICPC through the Legislative Process** –ICPC Member states will review talking points to use or share with state legislatures, and map which states may introduce the New ICPC in 2018.
- **Expansion of the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) to all ICPC Party States *UPDATE*** The AAICPC and APHSA are prospectively entering the final year of the \$3.6 million NEICE Grant. Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau has supported the AAICPC and APHSA in onboarding all states to the NEICE. The APHSA/AAICPC Project staff will provide an update on the NEICE Grant, current operations, how many states have onboarded and are slated to onboard by the end of May 2018.
- **NEICE Bill** - An update of new activity/traction regarding the NEICE bill.
- **NEICE States** will provide updates regarding their use, plans and experience on the NEICE on the interstate placement process. Important policies, protocol and requirements (e.g. user fees, operational protocols, non-payment policies) will be presented to the full AAICPC Member body for adoption/resolution to sustain the NEICE.
- **NEICE User Meeting** - NEICE users will meet with the NEICE developer, Tetras, Inc. to discuss user experiences, systems operations, technical and programmatic challenges and successes and the various platforms used to interface the NEICE with state systems.
- **AAICPC Elections** – **Six (6) Positions are open for nomination. (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and 3 Member -at Large Positions)**

Breakfast Included—Lunch on your own

Monday, May 22, 2017 —8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Local Day (Full and One-Day Registrants)

- **Federal Update: A New Year, A New Administration** - A new year, a new administration – as we move into uncharted waters with new executive orders, changes in immigration and refugee resettlement laws, and the revamping or repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), federal, state and local agencies alike must prepare to meet the needs of its clients, members and constituent base. What do the changes forecast politically, programmatically and how can we partner with the new administration to continue improving the lives of Americans and people internationally? This session will provide an update on the status of the ACA, and other major pieces of federal legislation and executive orders that impact the lives of the communities we serve. Where are we with finance reform and key funding streams such as Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Social Services Block Grant and Medicaid which are the underpinnings of health and human services and the populations we serve. We will also review key programs and federal legislation that support and facilitate advancing permanency outcomes through the Fostering Connections Act, the Adoptions and Safe Families Act, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act and follow-up reporting regarding Safe and Timely Interstate Placement Act. Participants will receive a brief overview of advances in technology.



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- **A New Day Dawns for Refugee Resettlement, Immigration and Unaccompanied Minors -- Are We Prepared?**

Refugee resettlement has long been a staple of the United States since the late 1940’s. However, in the current political climate, refugees, immigrants and particularly unaccompanied minors are facing unprecedented challenges and uncertainty. Legal and constitutional safeguards and the customary networks and resources available to protect and assist these populations in settling in the new world are diminishing in record numbers. What does this shift mean for human service agencies? How will this impact, children, families and the communities that house these individuals? This session will provide an overview of the implications for unaccompanied minors and immigrant families who are separated because of recent executive orders, changes in immigration laws, veiled enforcement tactics, and evaporating federal funding that support these populations upon entry into the U.S.

- **Understanding the Needs and Challenges when Serving LGBTQ Youth in Child Welfare –**

In an ever-changing world, LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Questioning) youth served in the child welfare system require professionals to understand them as individuals; and the environments in which they grow, learn, love and establish identities that carry them into adulthood. More education and training for human service professionals is needed. Social norms of the past bring unhealthy stigma and the need for new approaches, laws and policies that acknowledge LGBTQ youth and the reasons they are overrepresented in the foster care system. This session will provide a close look at the issues LGBTQ youth face, their experiences, and how best to meet their individualized needs in foster and out-of-home care. Attendees will also learn strategies of how to create an environment of understanding and support when working with these youth, their families and communities.

- **Drug Use, Substance Abuse, the Opioid Epidemic in America - Pain Management or Suicide?**

The recent opioid epidemic has altered the fight against drugs in ways that appear to be a losing battle. CNN reported there are 91 deaths per day from Opioid overdoses, and in 2015, there was an astounding 33,091. Another outlet reports roughly 47,000 related deaths in 2014. Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, illicit drugs, pain killers, stimulants and sleep aids all represent types and categories of drugs and/or substances. When various types of drugs are used excessively or in combination with each other, the resulting effects are disastrous, often resulting in an overdose, and sometimes even death. Opioid use has hit many states hard rendering many families and youth in an unavoidable collision with health and human services agencies. This session provides a hard look at the various types of drugs used and abused today, the effect on its user and their families, and society’s response through laws, drug treatment and management, and partnerships between the private and public sectors of health and human services on how to combat this epidemic.

- **Growing Concerns around Surrogacy; A Means of Parenting or Human Trafficking?**

Traditional and Gestational surrogacy are means of providing individuals and couples who are unable to have children an option for becoming a parent. However, many argue that legalizing commercial surrogacy goes a step too far and sets the stage for human trafficking, particularly in underdeveloped countries where many people are poor and illiterate. In the U.S., several states also have considered legalizing commercial surrogacy but the laws, if any, vary by state and even county? This session will introduce growing concerns related to surrogacy, the legal complexities and to what extent commercial surrogacy is deemed a new form of human trafficking. Where do the lines of surrogacy and human trafficking cross? What happens when surrogacy agreements fall apart or when the surrogate and the intended (prospective) parents live in different states? What does surrogacy mean for the child and the parents, short term, long term and in interstate placements?

- **The New AAICPC Executive Committee (EC) Meeting-** The new executive committee will convene for orientation.

Breakfast and Lunch

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ICPC Training		ICPC Training Conclusion AAICPC Business Meeting Begins	AAICPC Business Meeting All Full Registrants	AAICPC Conference and Local Day Sessions open to all attendees Full & One-Day Registrants
8:00 – 8:30 <i>Breakfast</i>		8:00 – 8:45 <i>Breakfast</i>	8:00 – 8:30 <i>Breakfast</i>	8:00 – 8:45 <i>Breakfast</i>
Training Registrants	8:30 – 9:30 ICPC Training Introduction-Part I Combined Track I and II	<i>Training</i> 8:45 – 12:00 ICPC Training Combined Track I and Track II	8:30 – 5:00 AAICPC Business Meeting Part II All Full Registrants Networking Event All Attendees	8:45 – 12:00 Sessions A & B
	9:30 – 12:00 ICPC Training Track I and Track II			12:00 -1:30 p.m. AAICPC President’s Award Luncheon
	12:00 – 1:00 Working Lunch Combined Track I and II	Lunch on your own		2:30 – 3:30 Sessions C & D
	ICPC Training Part II - Practicum (Workshops)	1:00 -3:30 AAICPC Conference Opening Session Business Meeting All Full Registrants		Session 3:45 – 5:00 Session E
	1:00 – 5:30 ICPC Training Track I and Track II	3:45 – 5:30 AAICPC Business Meeting Part I All Attendees		