

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

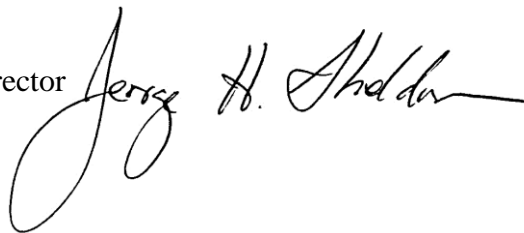
POLICY GUIDE 2017.03

ILLINOIS INTERSTATE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN: 18 AND OLDER

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy Guide is to inform and explain to DCFS and POS child welfare staff of the Department's decision to exclude all youth age 18 and older from the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) approval process, unless required by another state's policy/procedures. **Procedures 328, Interstate Placement of Children**, will be revised to comport with this Policy Guide.

II. PRIMARY USERS

The primary users of this Policy Guide are DCFS and POS Permanency Supervisors and Caseworkers; DCFS and POS Foster Care Licensing Representatives and Supervisors, A&I Licensing Representatives and Supervisors; and Child Welfare Agency, Child Care Institution and Group Home Administrators, Supervisors and Staff.

III. INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS

The Compact allows each state to use its discretion when deciding whether to require ICPC involvement in the placement of youth over the age of 18 years old to and from other states. Some states require ICPC involvement in the placement of youth 18 or older to and from other states; however, Illinois does not have this requirement for youth 18 or older.

IV. ILLINOIS ICPC OFFICE

Illinois, like many other states, has long had the practice of not being involved with youth 18 and older when it involves interstate placements. Generally, Illinois' ICPC office will not accept packets for placement of youth either incoming or outgoing who are over the age of 18. However, if a receiving state requires ICPC approval for such youth from Illinois to be



placed, the Illinois ICPC office will process the request. In turn, when a youth is being placed in Illinois from another state and that sending state requires ICPC involvement the request will be processed. These include all placement types: residential, Community Integrated Living Facilities (CILF), foster care, and adoption.

V. QUESTIONS

Questions about this Policy Guide should be directed to the Office of Child and Family Policy at 217-524-1983 or via Outlook to OCFP – Mailbox.

VI. FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This Policy Guide is to be filed immediately following **Procedures 328, Interstate Placement of Children.**