

CHAPTER V – JURISDICTION IN CHILD WELFARE

CHANGE # 1-2016

April 2016

IX. INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) regulates the interstate movement of children. The Compact is a uniform law that has been enacted by all the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the US Virgin Islands. The North Carolina legislature enacted the Compact on July 1, 1971. The Compact is the best means to ensure protection and services to children who are placed across state lines for child placement services or adoption.

The Compact is a legally and administratively sound means of placing children across states lines with the same safeguards and services as are available when they are placed within their own state. The Compact provides the means for securing an evaluation of a prospective placement before the child is sent outside the state and provides assurance that the sending state retains jurisdiction over the child sufficient to ensure that the child receives adequate care and protection. Refer to Chapter XI: Interstate/Intercountry Services to Children (<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-70/man/>) for more information.