

## **INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATION 7**

In an attempt to address the recurring problem of placement delays when ICPC compliance is required, the Compact Administrators have adopted ICPC Regulation 7, which provides for expedited ICPC procedures when the court finds the child meets the criteria for priority ICPC status and enters a priority placement order.

Priority ICPC status may be designated when the prospective placement is

- (1) With a relative listed in Article VIII (parent, stepparent, grandparent, adult brother, sister, aunt or uncle) or guardian  
AND
  - The child is under two years of age OR
  - The child is currently in an emergency shelter care facility OR
  - The child has spent a substantial amount of time with the prospective placement.
- (2) In any case when 30 business days have passed since the receiving state Compact Administrator received the ICPC request with proper supporting paperwork but the sending agency has not been informed whether the child may be placed in the receiving state.

These new expedited procedures are designed to be completed in 27 business days, unless the receiving and sending ICPC offices agree in writing on a different time frame or “extraordinary circumstances” make it impossible for the receiving state to comply within the 27 day time frame. In the latter case, the receiving state must notify the sending state within two business days by fax, specifying the extraordinary circumstances and the date when the placement decision will be made.