

AAICAMA NATIONAL MEETING

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ICAMA: What's Expected? Everything you need to know about ICAMA

The administration of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) is paramount in the work of AAICAMA. Session will provide participants with training on the elements of the Compact, what's required of states by the ICAMA and ICAMA forms and processes. Training will emphasize the intent of the ICAMA and its role in ensuring timely and uninterrupted interstate receipt of federal adoption and guardianship assistance benefits, particularly Medicaid. It will also emphasize the importance of ICAMA processes to the efficiency and accuracy of state practice.

National Center on Adoption and Permanency (NCAP): Resources and Services

The National Center on Adoption and Permanency (NCAP) is a unique, nonprofit organization that provides a broad range of information, resources, consultation and multidisciplinary services on adoption, foster care and child welfare. NCAP's mission is not only to achieve permanency for all children—in their families of origin when possible and in new ones when necessary—but also to reshape child welfare policy and practice to enable those children and families to succeed. The Center provides evidence-based educational initiatives, program and project development, research, consultation and evaluation. Participants will learn about the resources available from NCAP and how to access them.

The Great Unknown: Changes in Child Welfare under the Trump Administration

The current administration could significantly reshape policies, services and supports for youth and families during the next four years. Programs that offer a safety net for children and families are threatened by the administration's funding priorities. The President's most recent budget package calls for deep cuts in entitlement programs that impact child welfare populations—Medicaid, CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), housing, nutritional assistance and other programs. The impact of any one of these proposals could be devastating for children and families in the child welfare system. This session will examine the what these changes will mean to children and families.

Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice: Why Juvenile Justice Reform Needs Child Welfare

Research demonstrates that as many as two-thirds of youth involved in the juvenile justice system have a maltreatment background. These dual status youths have complex trauma histories that often manifest in delinquent behaviors. To effect more positive outcomes for these youth, all systems should work together to address the effects of neglect and traumatic events on a child. Juvenile justice, child welfare and mental health systems can work together to identify these children earlier and to coordinate care and services.

Medical Assistance Interstate

Training will include an overview of Medicaid and how to ensure receipt of medical assistance by title IV-E and non-IV-E adoption and Guardianship assistance-eligible children across state lines. Session will train participants on the process of securing medical assistance for these children and youth in interstate cases.

Improving State Health and Child Wellness Systems: CT Child Health and Development Institute

Improving state practice and the delivery system of federal benefits is at the core of the ICAMA and the mission of the AAICAMA. A nonprofit in Connecticut, the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI), is implementing this approach to improve the health and well-being of children. CHDI's goal is to build stronger and more effective health and mental health systems that result in better outcomes for all children in Connecticut, especially the underserved. Participants will learn how CHDI is implementing this approach through a variety of activities, including: research, evaluation, advocating for sound mental health policies and practices, collaboration, and training and technical assistance and support for demonstration projects that inform system change.

Maintaining Adoption Performance through Leadership Changes and Budget Challenges

Attendees will learn about overcoming obstacles to getting state permanency work accomplished in/during times of state budget challenges and leadership changes. The presenters' approach, which can be applied to any state government role in human services, focuses on identifying a vision, goals and outcomes for the future, building private and public partnerships/collaborations with the adoption community and leveraging services and resources.

Improving Practice: Understanding the Intersection of ICPC and ICAMA in Interstate Cases

Session will include a brief overview of both compacts, their application, and overlap. Discussion will focus on the coordination of ICAMA practice with ICPC to initiate Medicaid in the Residence State for a child transitioning from ICPC foster care to ICAMA adoption assistance.