

# AAICAMA NATIONAL MEETING

AGENDA

APRIL 3 – 5, 2018

AAICAMA AND ICAMA PROFESSIONALS: STRENGTHENING PERMANENCY TOGETHER

## ICAMA: What's Expected? Everything You Need to Know About ICAMA

Training on the administration of the ICAMA includes a short history of the Compact and how it functions; ICAMA forms, procedures, and processes and state administration of them. There will be an overall emphasis on the intent of the ICAMA and the vital role it plays in securing and ensuring the receipt of adoption and guardianship benefits, particularly Medicaid.

## 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: Legislative Update

This has been a tumultuous year in federal legislation, leaving the fields of health care and child welfare unsure of the future of federal programs affecting children in and from state care. This year, FY 2018, is the year that the applicable child provision for age is eliminated from the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. The session will discuss the effects of this sunset provision and other legislation bearing on both adoption assistance populations (title IV-E and non-title IV-E). Speaker will present an overview of current legislative concerns and a wish list for the current Congress including a future for the Adoption Tax Credit and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

## AAICAMA By-Laws: Restructure and Vote

Originally drafted in 1986, the bylaws for AAICAMA no longer reflect the current operations of the Association. The bylaws cover all aspects of how the Association works to administer the ICAMA. Session topics include: how annual state assessments are determined, development of the budget, responsibilities of Compact members, attendance and voting at AAICAMA's National Meeting, and the election and role of the AAICAMA Board. Participants will review suggested changes to the current bylaws including input received from Conference 2017 and vote on the proposed changes. States will also review the current and past budgets to propose spending priorities for CY2019.

## Medicaid: Interstate Cooperation

This training provides an overview of how Medicaid works interstate and what is required of states under federal law. State practices in the provision of Medicaid interstate will be shared and coupled with a greater understanding of the ICAMA and state obligations to fellow, member states and the youth served under the Compact. States will be free to discuss how members and the AAICAMA can work together to strengthen permanency and reduce disruptions and dissolutions by ensuring the timely receipt of medical assistance by the three populations ICAMA serves: title IV-E, non-IV-E adoption assistance and title IV-E Kin-GAP.

## Medicaid 101: Understanding Medicaid in Adoption Assistance Programs.

The first part of this training will cover the provision of Medicaid for title IV-E Adoption Assistance recipients. Among the topics addressed will be the mandatory receipt of services by this group, which services are mandatory and those that are optional, and how title IV-E recipients are covered in all states. Particularly addressed will be the interstate implications of states extending eligibility for Medicaid up to age 21.

The second part of this training will cover the provision of Medicaid for non-title IV-E Adoption Assistance recipients. The focus will be on the difference in protections between this group and title IV-E recipients. The problems a family may face in interstate cases as a result of state policy decisions will also be discussed.

## State Policy and Practice: Eligibility for Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Ends at Age 18

States fix, in their legislation, the age that eligibility for title IV-E Adoption Assistance ends. Many states have fixed the end of eligibility at age 21, but some remain at age 18. These states have run up against the fact that most children with special needs continue to need assistance after their eighteenth birthday. What happens when a state can't change its law, but needs to continue assistance in order to avoid dissolutions? The discussion will center on the implications to state budgets, how this issue impacts state practice, and how states can work together to strengthen permanency.

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### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)/Region 5: Updates and Issues

CMS Region 5 staff will present an update on national, Medicaid issues affecting children eligible through their child welfare status and related, healthcare issues facing the states and highlight the work of the Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations and its role serving states and youth within the CMS system.

### Children's Bureau/ACYF Region 5: Updates and Issues

The Children's Bureau will present an update on adoption, adoption assistance and general, child welfare issues facing the states to include coverage of Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008: Update, where are we ten years later? The session will cover the provisions of greatest impact for adoptive youth and update the states on the title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Program and the elimination of the "applicable child" to adoption assistance determination under the federal program.

### State Innovations: Showcase for State Polices Promoting Permanency

In this session states will have an opportunity to showcase their state programs and polices created to overcome obstacles and innovatively meet children's individual needs to secure and ensure continued permanency. States will also be asked to talk about ways they prepare and train families to understand potential, future needs and how the families can learn to navigate the system to meet those needs.

### Public-Private Partnerships How to Make the Best of Both Worlds

Dynamic public-private partnerships are changing the face of state, child welfare. This session will bring examples from the field of the ways government and their private partners are building strong, adoptive families for youth. Bringing together ICAMA professionals to think strategically about strong partnerships, is a positive way to help build permanency for children touched by the child welfare system.

### AAICAMA Worksite/Database: Light at the End of the Tunnel-Ready for Analytics

The AAICAMA worksite/database now holds almost 25,000 cases. These are active cases that have been initiated since its launch in 2015. The number of ICAMA cases processed has surprised everyone and given us a lot of data. ICAMA Professionals who are at the heart of this work, have provided Blue Iron with tremendous insight into the world of ICAMA making the database a valuable asset to their states. In this session participants will look at the data that's been collected and will ask the questions important to their state. How many non-title IV-E cases come into my state? How many children over 12 move or are placed outside of my state? How many of my ICAMA cases end when a child turns 18? AAICAMA can begin developing reports to answer these questions, and more.—it's up to the states.



HERE'S WHAT WE'LL TALK ABOUT IN CHICAGO.....

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