



2010 AAICAMA Annual Conference April 19– 20, 2010



AAICAMA: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS...

Monday, April 19

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| 8:00 - 8:30 | <i>Continental Breakfast</i> |
| 8:30 - 8:45 | <i>Welcome</i> |
| 8:45 - 11:00 | <p><i>Training: ICAMA Compact Administration and Frequently Asked Questions</i> Participants will be provided with in-depth training on the ICAMA and its legal implications for state members; its forms and processes to ensure the seamless interstate provision of Medicaid and the importance of the Compact for adoption assistance recipients across state lines. Frequently asked questions about ICAMA administration and practice will be covered and states will have an open opportunity to ask questions and to seek state-to-state feedback from fellow Compact and Deputy ICAMA Administrators.</p> |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | <p><i>Training: Medicaid Eligibility, Providing Medicaid to Title IV-E Recipients</i> Training will include an overview of the Medicaid (title XIX) program, its laws, and the practical application of these laws to title IV-E in-state and interstate cases. Participants will increase their understanding of state responsibility for the provision of Medicaid to title IV-E recipients including those eligible for adoption assistance, and kinship guardianship assistance (both GAP and demonstration waiver recipients), and children in foster care.</p> |
| 12:15 - 1:30 | <i>Lunch - on your own</i> |
| 1:30 - 3:15 | <p><i>Training: Medicaid Eligibility, Providing Medicaid to State-Funded Adoption Assistance Recipients</i> Training will include an overview of the Medicaid law (i.e., COBRA) pertaining to non-title IV-E children and its application to in-state and interstate cases. Session will also include a discussion of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).</p> |
| 3:15 - 3:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 3:30 - 5:15 | <p><i>Overview: Title IV-E Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) Provisions in Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351)</i> <i>Facilitated Discussion:</i> Fourteen states intend to implement the Title IV-E Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program. Currently, there is no uniform administrative process in place for the interstate transfer of Medicaid in these cases. AAICAMA members will discuss their understanding of the program, share their state's administrative processes to implement the program interstate, and identify implementation challenges they have encountered. To shape a process (with related forms) that can be implemented uniformly and easily, states will develop recommendations for solutions to ensure efficient provision of Medicaid in interstate GAP cases and how AAICAMA may assist states in this goal .</p> <p>The resulting recommendations will be presented to the Child Welfare Directors' Association (NAPCWA) in May.</p> |
| 5:15 | <i>Closing</i> |



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Tuesday, April 20 Joint Day with AAICPC

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| 8:00 | - 8:30 | <i>Continental Breakfast</i> |
| 8:30 | - 9:00 | <i>Welcome to joint AAICAMA/AAICPC sessions</i> |
| 9:00 | - 11:00 | <p><i>Federal Legislative Updates: Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act</i> The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 was signed into law Oct. 7, 2008. Among the opportunities to come from this legislation are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of a title IV-E kinship guardianship program and extension of benefits past 18 2. Waiver of non-safety licensing requirements (case-by-case) to eliminate barriers when placing children with relatives 3. Delink title IV-E adoption assistance eligibility from the former AFDC program's income requirements 4. Incentivize and mandate finding and maintaining families/sibling groups <p>Participants will review these and other provisions of Fostering Connections and its explore its impact on children in child welfare and interstate placements. States choosing the title IV-E guardianship option will report on the successes and challenges.</p> |
| 11:00 | - 11:15 | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:15 | - 12:00 | <p><i>Health Reform and Medicaid</i> The recent health reform legislation makes a number of changes to the Medicaid program that will be effective on January 1, 2014. This session will discuss these changes and the effects on the Medicaid agencies.</p> |
| 12:00 | - 1:30 | <i>AAICPC President's Award Luncheon</i> |
| 1:30 | - 2:30 | <p><i>Securing Medical Services for Children through Various Federal and State Programs</i> This session will provide participants with an overview of the Federal Medicaid Program and the various ways children may qualify or access Medicaid and medical services (i.e., IV-E, SSI, Adoption Assistance, TANF, etc.) Participants will also be introduced and educated about state sponsored medical assistance programs and coverage available to non-IV-E children, which is often recognized as the population most difficult to cover and serve.</p> |
| 2:30 | - 3:30 | <p><i>Is It Burnout or Compassion Fatigue Syndrome?</i> This training provides participants with an opportunity to identify causes and symptoms of Burnout and Compassion Fatigue Syndrome and the techniques for self-care and survival. An introduction/overview of the reasons why child welfare workers are vulnerable to both will also be discussed.</p> |
| 3:30 | - 3:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 3:45 | - 5:00 | <p><i>Update on the Viability of Uniform Home Studies in Interstate Placements</i> This session will provide an update on the states participation and use of the SAFE Uniform Home Study. SAFE was introduced as a potentially viable solution for ensuring uniform practices in the home study process for interstate placements. An update regarding any changes, improvements and next steps in ensuring timely home studies and placements will be introduced and discussed.</p> |