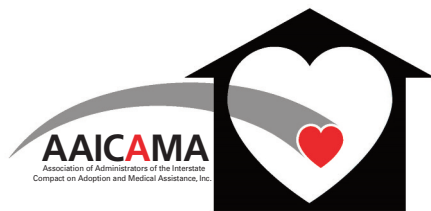




PARTNERING

The Association is a partner to states, the federal government, and permanency stakeholders. We link states to one another to remove geographic barriers to children's futures and link states to federal agencies and nonprofits to increase understanding of public adoptions and guardianships. We work with and across these entities to improve policies and practices that affect the life outcomes of children and youth.

AAICAMA is proud to announce its partnership with the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA). AAICAMA joined CWLA in 2019 and shared in celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2020. We are excited to align our visions in service to youth and families for the next 100 years! **CWLA and AAICAMA: Growing Forward!**



We are excited to be a part of the family that is the Child Welfare League of America! Below is our contact information. Give us a call or send us an email. Permanency? We're here for it.

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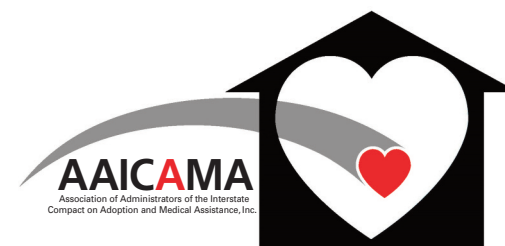
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WHO WE ARE

The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA, the Association) is a nonprofit, state association committed to promoting permanency. The Association oversees and operates the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA, the Compact), which provides uniform policies and practices to remove barriers to adoption. The Administrators are designated, state staff in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Think of us this way: The Compact is the vehicle overcoming obstacles to permanency, the Administrators are the drivers, and the Association is the garage that houses them both.

States work with the AAICAMA and its national staff to seamlessly transfer benefits—especially Medicaid—to children and youth eligible for adoption or Title IV-E guardianship assistance. We bring together state and federal agencies, tribes, nonprofits, adoptive parents, and guardians to promote, secure, and support permanency for children with, and at risk of developing, special needs. This is who we are. You may not know our name, but if you work in permanency—especially interstate—you likely have experienced our assistance! Here's how we do it.



WHAT WE DO

AAICAMA provides education, training, and technical assistance to increase states' and stakeholders' capacity to improve practice and policy in interstate cases. We provide:

• TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

AAICAMA provides specialized guidance on Medicaid and a broad range of issues related to the application, receipt, and interjurisdictional transfer of adoption and medical assistance, related federal support programs, postadoption services, and Compact administration.

• LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS AND GUIDANCE

AAICAMA analyzes emerging federal legislation and interprets existing federal law. We offer expert, legal clarification on the rights and obligations of parties involved in interjurisdictional, special needs adoption and Title IV-E guardianship.

• EDUCATION AND TRAINING

AAICAMA educates and trains permanency professionals on the Compact and federal law. AAICAMA created and maintains a resource library of position papers, issue briefs, and practice bulletins that clarify complex issues related to the practice of interstate permanency.

Annual Conference. AAICAMA holds an annual conference and meeting that serves as a national forum for states to exchange information, share best practices, and improve the field of adoption. We facilitate cross-system collaboration between states, agencies, and permanency stakeholders to improve system delivery and child outcomes.

Child Welfare Resource. AAICAMA created the content for *Adoption Assistance by State*, a complete collection of states' adoption assistance pages that provides state-by-state information on adoption assistance programs, Medicaid, mental health, and postadoption services. The collection is housed on the Child Welfare Information Gateway website at childwelfare.gov.

ICAMA DATA SYSTEM

AAICAMA and the states developed, purchased, and maintain an interactive system for the electronic transfer of ICAMA cases across states. The HIPAA-compliant system transmits data for states to open and close Medicaid cases. The system aids state caseloads and relieves families of navigating state Medicaid agencies. The system enables AAICAMA to collect national and state-specific data that informs federal and state budgets, staffing, policy, and practice decisions to achieve and maintain permanency for children from state care.