



REPORT TO THE STATES

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The *Report to the States* serves as an outreach and update to the states on the operation of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance and the work of its Association. The *Report* is a way to share what ICAMA professionals and AAICAMA staff have accomplished in their efforts to strengthen children's permanency and improve their wellbeing. Together, we are **#TeamAAICAMA**

The *Report to the States* is an opportunity to thank each of you and your permanency and Medicaid colleagues for the collaboration needed to make the Compact a success. An interstate compact is successful when its Members coordinate across states to resolve differences in policy and administration. The annual *Report to the States* is also a chance to reassert our Mission and Vision- the "Who We Are," "What We Believe," and "What We Do" of the AAICAMA.

The following is a look back at what we accomplished last year and our plans for the coming year. It is a recap of AAICAMA's projects, growth, partnerships, and intentions for our work and its service to the field of child welfare. It's a time of growth and improvement across the Compact and the service of the ICAMA System. Thank you, AAICAMA, for all you do and all you make possible.

Accomplishments. Progress. Improvements. Service.

Last year saw great progress in the ICAMA System, its applications, and Compact operations. The Association improved communications, created state resources, educated and trained Compact Administrators, ICAMA System Users, Medicaid colleagues, and child welfare stakeholders. Our efforts to improve the operation of the Compact and our services and value to Members are always ongoing.

- **ICAMA System: Improvements!** Several improvements and enhancements were implemented to make your ICAMA role easier. The System blocks duplication of SSNs, provides a *Discussions* space to communicate with ICAMA colleagues, and rolled out a Global Dashboard that simplifies notifications and aids in managing your ICAMA workflow. System training is ongoing and available on state request and Association-wide.
- **ICAMA System: Growth!** The System now offers an additional service to states- the ability to interface with other, state systems to increase efficiency and reduce state staff time across departments. Several states are currently in the process of exploring an interface to integrate a state, child welfare-serving system with the ICAMA System.
- **Increased Medicaid Access: Thanks, States!** Worked with states to educate and train on ICAMA and Medicaid policy and law to ensure that Medicaid is received and specific services secured in state and across states- particularly by children receiving Non-Title IV-E Assistance. Last year, HI clarified and expanded its coverage and this year additional states have come to understand reciprocity through ICAMA as it applies to youth past the age of 18. AAICAMA continues to partner with states to expand Medicaid coverage options for children ineligible for Title IV-E programs.



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Accomplishments...continued



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, organized citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

- **New York:** Breaking news- New York is making progress in joining the ICAMA System! Last year, California joined the ICAMA System, and AAICAMA continues to work with CA and its counties to address its operational needs. This year, it’s New York! New York and AAICAMA are working together with eCare Vault to address NY’s one, remaining technical need to join the System. NY has attended System training, shared System materials, and will continue to participate in ICAMA System state forums until they get the green light to join and process new cases via the System. FYI that until NY joins the ICAMA System, NY will continue to process ICAMA cases as it has via ICAMA Forms. Hooray for progress, NY!
- **Conferences and Partnerships:** AAICAMA attended and presented at national conferences, shared information and materials to promote knowledge of our work and worked to increase recognition of the contribution of the Compact and its Association to the field of child welfare.
- **Child Welfare League of America (CWLA): As AAICAMA’s Secretariat and partner,** our work with CWLA remains vital to the Association and our visibility in the field. AAICAMA’s Director staffed, presented at, and attended CWLA’s Conf24 in Washington, DC and CWLA staff presented at and attended AAICAMA’s Conf24 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. CWLA staff, Kati Mapa, Director of Policy, continues the CWLA AAICAMA Policy Update monthly to our Members. The Updates keep states informed of current, federal legislation and its potential impact on state, child welfare programs.
- **Conf24: Partnership, Partnership, Partnerships: Ann Arbor, MI | June 4-6, 2024** The focus was on partners in permanency and provided a varied and comprehensive group of professionals across the fields of post adoption services, managed health care, guardianship options, nature as healing, children’s rights, legislation, and attorney advocacy for youth adopted from state care. Conf24 was one of AAICAMA’s most beautiful venues- right off a golf course and rolling greens beside a lake. The Senior Deputy Director of the Michigan DHHS provided a wonderful Keynote Address. Sessions included training for the ICAMA System and a state forum on System feedback and suggestions for System improvement. States came together to solve problems, learn from one another, innovate, and establish relationships across states to improve ICAMA practices. Come, join us for Conf25 in beautiful, downtown Boise, Idaho and take in the mountain views and the community of support that is made whenever AAICAMA gathers!
- **Technical Assistance:** The ICAMA is the bridge between states that creates uniformity of practice and consistency in outcomes and technical assistance is one of its most valued services. The AAICAMA National Office provided answers to ICAMA System, ICAMA, and child welfare and Medicaid questions. The National Office provided information, resources, suggestions, and guidance to states on federal legislative, policy, practice and Compact questions. We held multiple, Member-wide training courses, Questions & Answer sessions, and one-on-one webinars in the use and usefulness of the ICAMA System. AAICAMA mediated differences across states and resolved disagreements on the implementation of federal and Compact law to arrive at solutions that promoted understanding, collaboration, and served children under the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance.

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BOISE, IDAHO

May 20th – 22nd
2025



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Save the Date!
May 20-22, 2025

AAICAMA CONFERENCE 2025
Workforce / Wellbeing / Moving Forward



Boise, Idaho

WORKFORCE | WELLBEING | MOVING FORWARD

We are excited to announce the **AAICAMA 2025 Conference!** The conference dates are May 20th – 22nd, 2025 and it will be held in the beautiful, mountain-view city of Boise, Idaho. This location provides many amenities and cuts travel distance for our more western states- we have not been this far west since Oakland, CA in 2016!

THE GROVE HOTEL- DOWNTOWN BOISE: Please join us in education, training, state discussion, and celebration of child welfare and the dedicated, state ICAMA workforce that makes it all happen- you! Please see the complete set of conference sessions, below, of the *AAICAMA Conf25 Final Agenda*.

Visit AAICAMA.org/Events for details, conference, and hotel registration.

AAICAMA Conf25 Final Agenda for our theme of ICAMA Rising

- Permanency Options: SOUL Family/Annie E. Casey Foundation and Kansas
- Medicaid Training/AAICAMA and the States
- Wellbeing and Workforce, Professional Profiles: Illinois/Chapin Hall
- Federal Legislative and Child Welfare Policy Update/CWLA
- ICAMA System: User Training and State Info Exchange/AAICAMA
- ICAMA System: Enhancements, Updates, State Interfaces/eCare Vault
- ICAMA Compact Administrator Training/AAICAMA
- AAICAMA State Forum: States Are Different/AAICAMA
- Working Across Generations in the Workplace, Part I/CWLA
- Working Across Generations in the Workplace, Part II/CWLA



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Current Financial Position

AAICAMA Finances At-a-Glance: The Association’s financial position continues to be stable and strong. AAICAMA Leadership continues its efforts to ensure financial stability for the Association by building a reserve to protect the Association and enabling it to support the Compact and serve the states now and for years to come. Thank you for supporting the AAICAMA through state Assessments. *Please note that 2023 end of year revenue represents the purchase of the new ICAMA System made in 2023 that was saved for across several years.*

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AAICAMA Finances 2022 (Q3)

Revenue: \$355,535
Expenditures: \$237,465
Change net assets: \$118,070

AAICAMA Finances 2023

Revenue: \$364,283
Expenditures: \$548,518
Change net assets: -\$184,235

AAICAMA Finances 2024

Revenue: \$341,061
Expenditures: \$294,902
Change net asset: \$46,158

Note: “Change net asset” is our end of year, remaining revenue for that year.

AAICAMA's Mission:

All children and youth served by the ICAMA will receive the support services needed to strengthen families and promote permanency.

AAICAMA Board 2024

Officers

Carissa Decker, President (ID)
Heather Richardson, V. President (FL)
Ashley Holmes, Treasurer (MN)

Members-at-Large

Adrian Owens (GA) Jessica Guthery (KS)
Amy Back (KY) Francis (Mike) Casey (DE)
Candice Nahler (MO) Kim Gunnell (WA)



Welcome New Members and Positions to the Executive Board 2025!

Heather Richardson, Vice President (FL) Ashley Holmes, Treasurer (MN)
Jessica Guthery, Member-at-Large Candice Nahler, Member-at-Large (MO)
Amy Back, Member-at-Large (KY)

AAICAMA's Vision:

To increase ICAMA System functionality and expand stakeholder relationships to improve the quality of permanency.



AAICAMA: WHAT WE BELIEVE

- Permanency matters.
- The needs of children are paramount in the operation of child welfare services.
- Support services are **vital** to the success of a child’s placement and their lives.

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