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AGENDA

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2023		
TIME (MT)	EVENT	LOCATION
1:00 PM	2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	ALTA-BRIGHTON
4:30 PM	PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS	SUNDANCE-SOLITUDE
5:45 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION	ZION
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2023		
TIME (MT)	EVENT	LOCATION
6:45 - 7:45 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET (PROVIDED)	BRYCE BALLROOM
8:00 AM	WELCOME RUNNING ON EMPTY: SELF CARE FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND CARE FOR OTHERS	ARCHES-CANYONS BALLROOM
10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:45 AM	UNDERSTANDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ICJ RULES	ARCHES-CANYONS BALLROOM
12:15 PM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)	
	NEW COMMISSIONER AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LUNCHEON	DEER VALLEY
2:15 PM	EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR IN-STATE TRAINING	ARCHES-CANYONS BALLROOM
3:45 PM	BREAK	
4:00 PM	REGION MEETINGS	EAST - SUNDANCE MIDWEST - SNOWBIRD SOUTH - SOLITUDE-POWDER MOUNTAIN WEST - ALTA-BRIGHTON
5:00 PM	END OF DAY	

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

TIME (MT)	EVENT	LOCATION
6:45 - 7:45 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET (PROVIDED)	ZION
8:00 AM	CONVENE GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER FLAG PRESENTATION ROLL CALL OPENING REMARKS WELCOME ADDRESS APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM (BRYCE-ARCHES-CANYONS)
8:30 AM	YOUTH SPEAKER	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM
9:30 AM	BREAK	
10:00 AM	COMMITTEE REPORTS EXECUTIVE COMPLIANCE FINANCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RACIAL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REGION REPORTS EAST REGION MIDWEST REGION SOUTH REGION WEST REGION LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM
11:30 AM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)	
1:15 PM	RECONVENE RULES COMMITTEE REPORT	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM
2:00 PM	BREAK	
2:15 PM	ICJ & CHILD WELFARE: A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM
3:45 PM	BREAK	
4:00 PM	OLD BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS CALL TO THE PUBLIC ELECTION OF OFFICERS	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM
4:30 PM	ADJOURN	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM
4:45 PM	NEW OFFICERS AND REGION REPRESENTATIVES WORK SESSION	NORTH STAR

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15TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE

Honoring the Past, Building the Future:
A History of the ICJ and the Interstate Commission for Juveniles



1954

Parade Magazine published *Nobody's Children* series focused on poor responses to interstate runaways



1955

“Original” Interstate Compact on Juveniles drafted by representatives from the Council of State Governments (CSG), National Council on Crime and Delinquency (formerly the National Probation and Parole Association), NCJFCJ, American Public Welfare Association, National Association of Attorneys General, and Adult Parole and Probation Compact Administrators Association



1986

“Original” Compact ratified by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam

Representatives of member states collaborated through the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators (AJCA)

2000

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) partnered with CSG to create an Advisory Group to revise the Compact



2001

Drafting Team for “new Compact” met in Nashville, Tennessee

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2002

Drafting Team and Advisory Group met in Lexington, Kentucky

2003

North Dakota was first state to ratify “new” Interstate Compact for Juveniles

11 states adopted the Compact: AZ, CT, DE, LA, ME, MI, MT, NM, ND, RI, and WA



2004

10 states adopted the Compact: AL, CO, ID, KS, NJ, OK, PA, SD, WV, and WY

2005

Seven states adopted the Compact: AR, FL, KY, NV, NC, TX, and UT



2006

Two states adopted the Compact: SC and WI

2007

Three states adopted the Compact: MD, MO, and VA



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2008

Illinois was 35th State to ratify the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, making the “new Compact” fully effective

The Interstate *Commission* for Juveniles was formed as the governing body for the “new Compact,” with voting members from each member state and ex officio members representing key national organizations

First Annual Business Meeting held in Las Vegas, NV, where the Commission established the bylaws, committee structure, regional representatives, officers, fiscal year cycle, and dues assessment

First Commission Officers elected:

- Donna Bonner (TX), Chairperson
- Larry Calicut (ID), Vice Chairperson
- Dennis Casarona (KS), Treasurer

Two states adopted the Compact: IL and TN



2009

National Office established in Lexington, Kentucky as an affiliate of the Council of State Governments

First Executive Director hired

2nd Annual Business Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

Initiated discussions for the first electronic data system

Officers elected:

- Donna Bonner (TX), Chairperson
- Ray Wahl (UT), Vice Chairperson
- Dennis Casarona (KS), Treasurer

Ad hoc committees created to address issues relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), Probable Cause, and Sex Offenders

Five states adopted the Compact: AK, HI, MS, NE, and OR



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2010

First web-based Rules Training conducted; First ICJ Rules took effect; First website launched; First Annual Report published

3rd Annual Business Meeting held in San Antonio, TX

Officers elected:

- Terry Clark (PA), Chairperson
- Ray Wahl (UT), Vice Chairperson
- Dennis Casarona (KS), Treasurer

Ad hoc committee established to address victim's issues

Six states adopted the Compact: CA, IA, MS, MN, VT, and USVI

2011

Bench Book for Judges and Court Personnel published

4th Annual Business Meeting held in Norfolk, VA

Officers elected:

- Terry Clark (PA), Chairperson
- Summer Foxworth (CO), Vice Chairperson
- Philip Cox (OR), Treasurer

Five states adopted the Compact: DC, IN, NH, NY, and OH

2012

ICJ and AAICPC adopted MOU and published *Best Practice Guide for ICJ and ICPC Dual Jurisdiction Cases*

The Juvenile Interstate Data System (JIDS) was launched as the first electronic data system to digitize compact-processes

5th Annual Business Meeting held in Kansas City, MO

Officers and Regional Representatives elected:

- Terry Clark (PA), Chairperson
- Summer Foxworth (CO), Vice Chairperson
- Phillip Cox (OR), Treasurer
- Fred White (MA), East Rep
- Rose Ann Bisch (MN), Midwest Rep
- Judy Miller (AR), South Rep
- Anne Connor (NV), West Rep

Ad hoc committee established to address out-of-state detention issues

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2013

First Strategic Plan developed

6th Annual Business Meeting held in Tempe, AZ

Commission celebrated 5th anniversary

Officers and Regional Representatives elected:

- Pat Pendergast (AL), Chairperson
- Anne Connor (NV), Vice Chairperson
- Phillip Cox (OR), Treasurer
- Pat Welcome (USVI), East Rep
- Rose Ann Bisch (MN), Midwest Rep
- Judy Miller (AR), South Rep
- Summer Foxworth (CO), West Rep

2014

First major ICJ Rule reorganization took effect

Georgia was the last state to ratify the Compact; All 50 states, DC, and USVI became members of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles

7th Annual Business Meeting held in Charleston, SC

Officers and Regional Representatives elected:

- Pat Pendergast (AL), Chairperson
- Anne Connor (NV), Vice Chairperson
- Phillip Cox (OR), Treasurer
- Pat Welcome (USVI), East Rep
- Nina Belli (OH), Midwest Rep
- Judy Miller (AR), South Rep
- Summer Foxworth (CO), West Rep

2015

Performance Measurement Assessment (PMA) Program introduced to enhance compliance and enforcement of ICJ

8th Annual Business Meeting held in Madison, WI

First Leadership Award presented to Anne Connor (NV)

Officers elected:

- Traci Marchand (NC), Chairperson
- Mike Lacy (WV), Vice Chairperson
- Jeff Cowger (KS), Treasurer

Ad hoc committee established to address human trafficking issues

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2016

9th Annual Business Meeting held in Boston, MA

Leadership Award presented to Mia Pressley (SC)

Officers and Regional Representatives elected:

- Traci Marchand (NC), Chairperson
- Mike Lacy (WV), Vice Chairperson
- Jeff Cowger (KS), Treasurer
- Maria Genca (CT), East Rep
- Nina Belli (OH), Midwest Rep
- Mia Pressley (SC), South Rep
- Jessica Eldredge (UT), South Rep

The Commission disaffiliated from the Council of State Governments



2017

Second Executive Director hired

10th Annual Business Meeting held in San Diego, CA

Leadership Award presented to Cathlyn Smith (TN)

Officers elected:

- Anne Connor (NV), Chairperson
- Natalie Dalton (VA), Vice Chairperson
- Shelley Hagan (WI), Treasurer

Ad hoc committee established for special projects



2018

Work to develop a new data system began by contracting with SEARCH to assist with the Request for Proposal process

First dues tier recalculation took effect based on data from the JIDS system

11th Annual Business Meeting held in New Orleans, LA

Commission celebrated 10th anniversary

Leadership Award presented to Anne Connor (NV)

Officers elected:

- Anne Connor (NV), Chairperson
- Natalie Dalton (VA), Vice Chairperson
- Peter Sprengelmeyer (OR), Treasurer



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2019

ICJ Mentoring Program launched

12th Annual Business Meeting held in Indianapolis, IN

Leadership Award presented to Abbie Christian (NE)

Officers elected:

- Jacey Rader (NE), Chairperson
- Cathlyn Smith (TN), Vice Chairperson
- Jedd Pelander (WA), Treasurer

Ad hoc committee established to address juvenile/adult issues

2020

Onset of COVID-19 pandemic caused National Office and many State Compact Offices to transition to virtual operations

Special Commission meeting held to adopt new Rule 2-108: Emergency Suspension of Enforcement of Rules

Enforcement of ICJ Rule-related timelines suspended

“Action Plan to Promote Racial Justice” adopted

Leadership Exchange Series launched to support leadership development and racial equity

New learning management system, ICJ.TalentLMS launched to provide on-demand courses on ICJ Rules, data management system, and effective practices

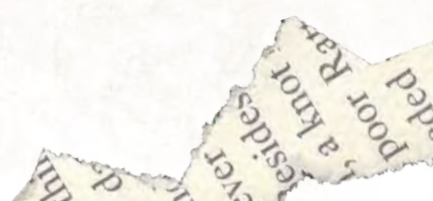
13th Annual Business Meeting held in fully virtual format for the first time

Leadership Award presented to Julie Hawkins (MO)

Officers and Regional Representatives elected:

- Jacey Rader (NE), Chairperson
- Jedd Pelander (WA), Vice Chairperson
- Nate Lawson (OH), Treasurer
- Becki Moore (MA), East Rep
- Chuck Frieberg (SD), Midwest Rep
- Daryl Liedecke (TX), South Rep
- Michael Farmer (CA), West Rep

Ad hoc committee established to address racial justice issues



15TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE

2021

Emergency suspension of enforcement of ICJ Rules ended

UNITY, the Commission's second national electronic information system launched, providing customized case management and reporting capabilities

14th Annual Business Meeting held virtually

Leadership Award presented to Roy Yapple (MI)

Officers elected:

- Tasha Hunt (CT), Chairperson
- Nina Belli (OR), Vice Chairperson
- Sherry Jones (MD), Treasurer

2022

First UNITY National Data Assessment performed to assess national trends, rather than state-level compliance

15th Annual Business Meeting (first in-person meeting since onset of COVID-19 pandemic) held in Burlington, VT

Leadership Award presented to Judy Miller (AR)

Officers elected:

- Nina Belli (OR), Chairperson
- Julie Hawkins (MO), Vice Chairperson
- Sherry Jones (MD), Treasurer

Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee established as the first new standing committee since the Commission's inception



2023

Proactive Monitoring Program introduced to support states using new tools to assess real-time compliance and improve outcomes

ICJ Bench Book for Judges and Court Personnel, 10th Edition published

First adjustments to dues rates established in 2008 took effect

16th Annual Business Meeting held in Salt Lake City, UT

Commission celebrated 15th anniversary

Legacy and Rising Star awards introduced





KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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Running on Empty: Self Care for Those Who Serve and Care for Others

Presented By: Dr. LaMarr D. Shields

Engaging some of the most challenging youth is a calling that draws some of the most hard-working and dedicated people. While serving some of the most vulnerable clients, you join survivors on their journey toward greater resilience. However, you also experience stress with survivors, which can lead to compassion fatigue and burnout.

Well, it's time to start showing care and compassion for yourself. In this interactive keynote address, Dr. Shields will provide concrete ideas for incorporating self-care strategies that recharge you and those you serve.

Join us to discover how awareness of one's own SEL strengths and needs, purposeful energizers and brain breaks, healthy eating, quiet time, self-care plan, and closing circle can work together to provide critical replenishment throughout the day.



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8 Self-Care Tips for Parents Who Have No Time For Self-Care

Many parents in my community have children experiencing anxiety, and they feel they don't have a moment to take care of their own needs. If this is how you feel, try one of these 8 tips to start taking care of yourself again:

1. Change how you prioritize your list

There's a reason why this is first on our list. Where do the things that are solely for you rank on your to-do list? You've probably got one a mile long, and if there's something on that list that's 'just for you' then it's time to reprioritize. Self-care isn't just for taking care of yourself in the bits and pieces of the day that are left over. It's something that needs to come first, so that you're able to put your best self forward throughout the rest of your day. Have you been meaning to get a massage but just haven't found the time? No, a massage won't take out the trash, get dinner on the table or help get the homework done. But you'll be doing those things, and getting to have that massage helps you, so in a very real

sense, it does help with all of the things you need to do, and those types of things need to go on the top of your list.

2. Celebrate the mistakes that are part of success

You already know that nobody is perfect, and life will throw curve balls. But when you're running late and there's a flat tire and you're just not going to make that important doctor's appointment no matter what you do, you have a choice. Neither cursing nor trying to hold it together by sheer willpower is going to transport you to where you need to be. Instead, take a moment to accept where you are, and appreciate that you will get through this moment, that in the scheme of things, even though it was an important appointment, you'll figure it out later, after you figure out the moment at hand. You'll be building coping techniques that can serve as a model for your child. Sometimes the bad thing happens, and when it does, it's never the end of the world. And that's a beautiful thing.

3. Instead of perfection, make balance your goal

There are a lot of resources out there, and there are so many activities and projects that would be great for you and your family. But if you try to overcommit, the benefits are going to be lost. Even if all of the choices for treatments and activities are great ones, sometimes less is more.

It's important to be discerning and choose which things are most important to you and your family and pursue those, while letting the other ones go.

4. Laugh

Yes, just laugh. Are you thinking easier said than done? You probably know what's most likely to make you chuckle. Whether it's old stand up routines of Eddie Murphy, videos of cats and dogs on the internet or lists of text messages gone awry, carve out some time throughout your week to spend time with what you find funny. And enjoy it!

5. Combine exercise with what brings you joy

Yes, every list will tell you exercise is a vital part of self-care. And there truly is nothing that has such an immediate positive impact on mood, with the added side effect of providing integral health benefits. But exercise won't do you any good if you don't actually do it, and unlike watching your favorite video, it's not just about finding the time, it's also about finding the motivation.

Find a way to combine things that truly bring you joy with your exercise routine. Maybe there's a workout outfit that you know you'd love to put on every day, but feels like a splurge. If it gets you moving, it's worth a lot more. Or perhaps there's a class across town that you've been wanting to take, but it's hard to justify when you've got a perfectly good treadmill in the basement. Make it work. It will mean a healthier, happier you, which also means a healthier, happier family.

6. Make space for your own "bad" emotions

When you're raising a child who has anxiety, it can oftentimes feel like you're not allowed to have those kinds of emotions, and are certainly not supposed to express them. But just as you give your child the space to express her own emotions without letting them overpower her, it's important to give yourself the same treatment, and allow yourself to feel anxious, sad and angry. You do need to have the coping skills in place to make choices that are not ruled by those emotions, but not letting yourself acknowledge that you feel these natural things is just going to lead to a build up. Treat yourself with same loving kindness with which you treat your child.

7. Have a space that is yours alone

For different families this will mean different things. You may not have the option to have an entire room that is solely yours all the time, but it is important that you have space in your own home that is fully your own, and that you let your family know that sometimes you need privacy in that space to do whatever you want, whether it be read a book, think quietly or watch those funny cat videos.

8. Help is on the way

It can be hard to ask for help, and it's true, there are plenty of fair weather friends out there, who just won't come through when you're in a jam. But asking for help is a skill, and as you practice it, you will learn that there are plenty of friends, family and community members who are only too happy to help if they just knew what to do. These people are your support network, waiting to be built, and when you do ask for help, not only will it feel more comfortable, but it will be easier because you'll already know the people you can count on and trust.

When you make self-care a central part of your life you'll find that the kindness you show to yourself infuses your own life, and the life of your family with a positivity. It will provide a model for your child and make to path to reach your goals and those of your family so much smoother.

Stop Doing List Day _____
Date & Month _____

Date & Month _____

DATE _____

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Meditation Q & A: “Am I doing this right?”

Answers to the top 10 questions that everyone asks about meditation

- 1. *Is there a wrong way to meditate? A right way to meditate?*** Meditation further acquaints us with our same old busy minds, and people feel they are doing something wrong when meditation does not grant us a new magical device. To meditate is to address your wandering mind and return to your chosen meditation object of breath, sound, body sensation, or something else. The many guidelines and mindfulness techniques all share the notion of support for the wandering mind. The beauty of mindfulness is that once your mind has run through the good thoughts and the bad, you have the choice to begin again and again and again, to refocus on that breath, sound, body sensation, or something else.
- 2. *How will I ever find the time to do this? How much time is the right amount?*** “I never jump into the water thinking about the entire ocean. I just cut it into small pieces. I think about being in a pool and the pool moves with me,” said the long-distance French swimmer, Ben LeCompte, who swam across the entire Atlantic Ocean. When you imagine that an entire ocean lies between you and your goals, it is easy to become overwhelmed. Lock your goals away in your mind and commit to focusing on one breath. Deciding on a reasonable amount of time to set aside for mindfulness is unique to the individual, and this decision is essential in building confidence that will lead to the willingness to pledge greater amounts of time later on.
- 3. *If I meditate a lot, am I going to lose my edge and turn into a passive, unproductive jellyfish?*** The “danger” of meditation is not becoming passive, but rather receptive, responsive and alert in situations

you might have otherwise been reactive. Mindfulness practice can strengthen our natural instinct to help us know when our best response is to do nothing and let a situation unfold.

4. ***I use meditation apps and audio guides mostly. Is that ok or should I try it without?*** Guided audio meditation can be a great support for your meditation practice, whether long term or short term, and for others not so much. You should explore what works for you. With silent meditation you may come to appreciate the sound of your own mind, and you can also try group meditation to share experiences with others.
5. ***I start to fall asleep sometimes. Fighting it drives me crazy. What should I do?*** The truth is you may not be getting enough sleep. Try cutting back on screen time. Take the opportunity to explore why you're fighting the urge to sleep through your lens of mindfulness. Another truth is that meditation can be boring. Be aware of it when you are dozing off and take time to discover what you are experiencing. You can also try widening your lens of mindfulness by giving your attention to breath and body awareness, standing, or by opening your closed eyes. If that does not work then you may need to take a nap. And remember to choose opportunities to meditate in which you are alert and not sleepy.
6. ***Do I have to sit on a cushion on the floor, or can I sit in a chair? What about standing or lying down?*** Sit where you feel comfortable and supported. You can choose to be sitting, walking, standing, or lying down as long as you feel relaxed, engaged, and alert, and hold your posture upright.
7. ***What should I do when I get really bored? Or really anxious and scared?*** At first meditation is going to seem boring. Be aware of your boredom and take note of the sensations you are feeling, without

giving into any feeling of anxiety or fear. You do not have to justify what you are feeling in the moment, but rather just let it happen. And remember that a feeling is a feeling by definition because it is temporary.

8. ***What should I do when I start to get a lot of pain in my legs or my neck or my feet get tingly and go to sleep?*** To feel discomfort is natural for our bodies, but if the pain is not too intense, then explore the physical sensations. Separate the tingling, heat, or pressure in your mind to examine these sensations one by one. Meditation allows us this power, and this knowledge can be used in the future and provide greater ease when we are confronted with pain again.
9. ***Should I be trying to stop my thinking and clear my brain?*** One of the greatest misconceptions related to mindfulness is that the goal is to “clear the mind.” The notion that our brain is thinking even when we are not aware of it is frightening for some because we are not in complete conscious control of ourselves at all times. There is no shame in having a lack of total control over all of our thoughts. This brings us back to the focus of meditation which is to support your wandering mind, recognize when you have drifted from your breath, and return. That act strengthens our concentration and focus.
10. ***I have a lot of cool thoughts. Why would I want to just let them go?*** You may be fearful of “losing” your cool thoughts during meditation when you are “letting things go,” but that is just another opportunity to explore what you are actually feeling. Write your thoughts down if you feel obliged, but if they are so important they are probable to pop up in your mind again throughout your day.

The Awe Walk

Time Required

15 minutes

How to Do It

With the right outlook, awe can be found in almost any environment, turning a mundane experience into a flight of inspiration and wonder. It is most likely to occur in places that have two key features: **physical vastness** and **novelty**. These could include natural settings, like a hiking trail lined with tall trees, or urban settings, like at the top of a skyscraper.

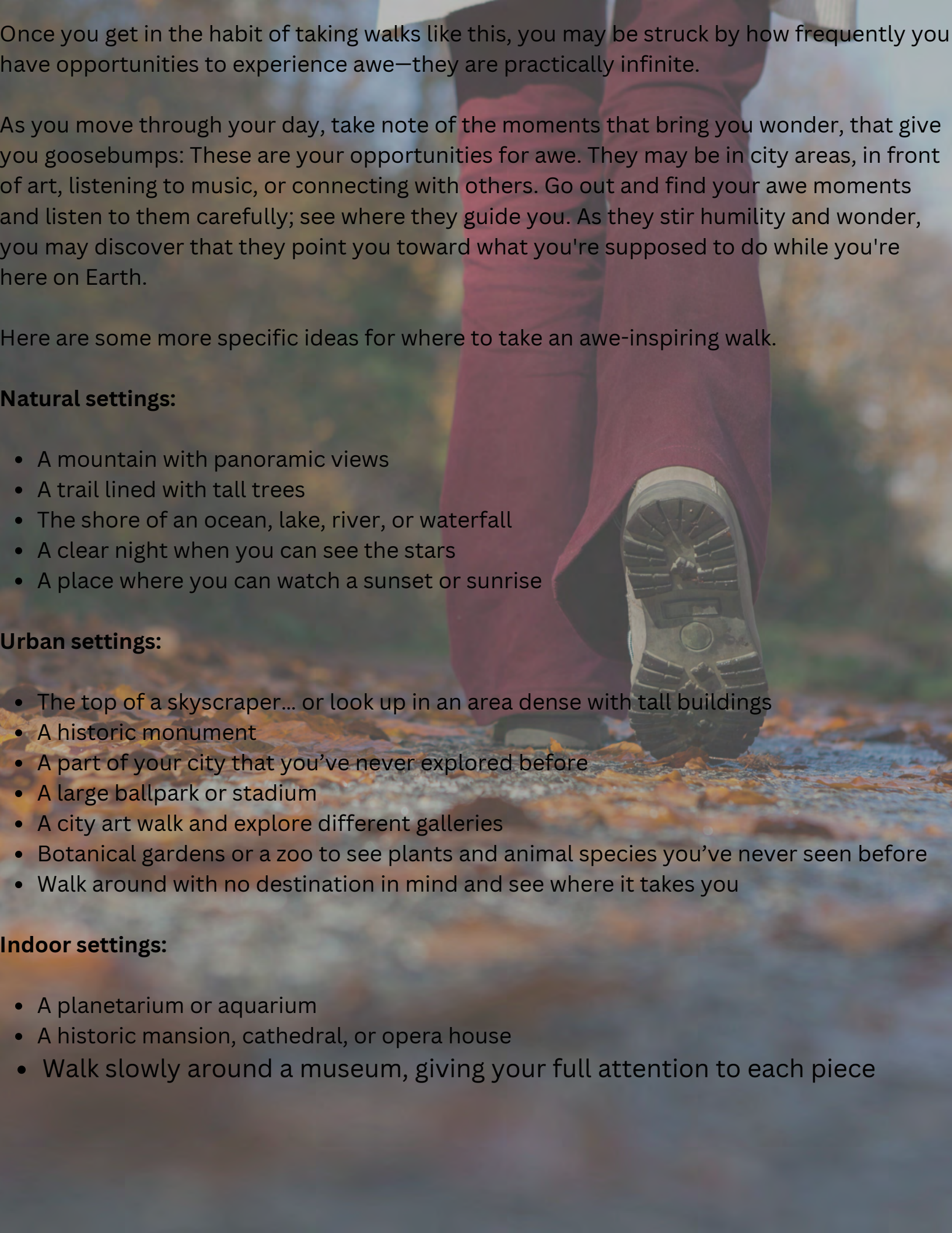
You're more likely to feel awe in a new place, where the sights and sounds are unfamiliar to you. That said, some places never seem to get old.

No matter where you are, the key is to be in the right frame of mind. This practice is designed to help you get there—to turn an ordinary walk into a series of awe-inspiring moments, filled with delightful surprises.

To get started, turn off your cell phone. Cell phones (and other gadgets) can be distracting and draw your attention away from what's happening around you. Even better, don't bring your phone with you at all so that you won't be tempted to check it.

During your walk, try to approach what you see with fresh eyes, imagining that you're seeing it for the first time. Then follow these steps:

1. Take a deep breath in. Count to six as you inhale and six as you exhale. Feel the air move through your nasal passages and hear the sound of your breath. Come back to this breath throughout the walk
2. As you start to walk, feel your feet on the ground and listen to the surrounding sounds.
3. Shift your awareness now so that you are open to what is around you, to things that are vast, unexpected, things that surprise and delight.
4. Take another deep breath in. Again, count to six as you inhale and six as you exhale.
5. Let your attention be open in exploration for what inspires awe in you. Is it a wide landscape? The small patterns of light and shadow? Let your attention move from the vast to the small.
6. Continue your walk and, every so often, bring your attention back to your breath. Count to six as you inhale and six as you exhale. Notice—really notice—the multitude of sights, sounds, smells, and other sensations that are dancing through your awareness, usually undetected.



Once you get in the habit of taking walks like this, you may be struck by how frequently you have opportunities to experience awe—they are practically infinite.

As you move through your day, take note of the moments that bring you wonder, that give you goosebumps: These are your opportunities for awe. They may be in city areas, in front of art, listening to music, or connecting with others. Go out and find your awe moments and listen to them carefully; see where they guide you. As they stir humility and wonder, you may discover that they point you toward what you're supposed to do while you're here on Earth.

Here are some more specific ideas for where to take an awe-inspiring walk.

Natural settings:

- A mountain with panoramic views
- A trail lined with tall trees
- The shore of an ocean, lake, river, or waterfall
- A clear night when you can see the stars
- A place where you can watch a sunset or sunrise

Urban settings:

- The top of a skyscraper... or look up in an area dense with tall buildings
- A historic monument
- A part of your city that you've never explored before
- A large ballpark or stadium
- A city art walk and explore different galleries
- Botanical gardens or a zoo to see plants and animal species you've never seen before
- Walk around with no destination in mind and see where it takes you

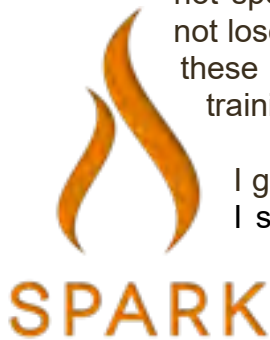
Indoor settings:

- A planetarium or aquarium
- A historic mansion, cathedral, or opera house
- Walk slowly around a museum, giving your full attention to each piece

You Were Made For This
By Clarissa Pinkola Estes

My friends, do not lose heart. We were made for these times. I have heard from so many recently who are deeply and properly bewildered. They are concerned about the state of affairs in our world now. Ours is a time of almost daily astonishment and often righteous rage over the latest degradations of what matters most to civilized, visionary people.

You are right in your assessments. The lustre and hubris some have aspired to while endorsing acts so heinous against children, elders, everyday people, the poor, the unguarded, the helpless, is breathtaking. Yet, I urge you, ask you, gentle you, to please not spend your spirit dry by bewailing these difficult times. Especially do not lose hope. Most particularly because, the fact is that we were made for these times. Yes. For years, we have been learning, practicing, been in training for and just waiting to meet on this exact plain of engagement.



I grew up on the Great Lakes and recognize a seaworthy vessel when I see one. Regarding awakened souls, there have never been more able vessels in the waters than there are right now across the world. And they are fully provisioned and able to signal one another as never before in the history of humankind.

Look out over the prow; there are millions of boats of righteous souls on the waters with you. Even though your veneers may shiver from every wave in this stormy roil, I assure you that the long timbers composing your prow and rudder come from a greater forest. That long-grained lumber is known to withstand storms, to hold together, to hold its own, and to advance, regardless.

In any dark time, there is a tendency to veer toward fainting over how much is wrong or unmended in the world. Do not focus on that. There is a tendency, too, to fall into being weakened by dwelling on what is outside your reach, by what cannot yet be. Do not focus there. That is spending the wind without raising the sails.

We are needed, that is all we can know. And though we meet resistance, we more so will meet great souls who will hail us, love us and guide us, and we will know them when they appear. Didn't you say you were a believer? Didn't you say you pledged to listen to a voice greater? Didn't you ask for grace? Don't you remember that to be in grace means to submit to the voice greater?

Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good.

What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale.

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares, builds signal fires, causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these – to be fierce and to show mercy toward others; both are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity.

Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do.

There will always be times when you feel discouraged. I too have felt despair many times in my life, but I do not keep a chair for it. I will not entertain it. It is not allowed to eat from my plate.

The reason is this: In my uttermost bones I know something, as do you. It is that there can be no despair when you remember why you came to Earth, who you serve, and who sent you here. The good words we say and the good deeds we do are not ours. They are the words and deeds of the One who brought us here. In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for.

Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D

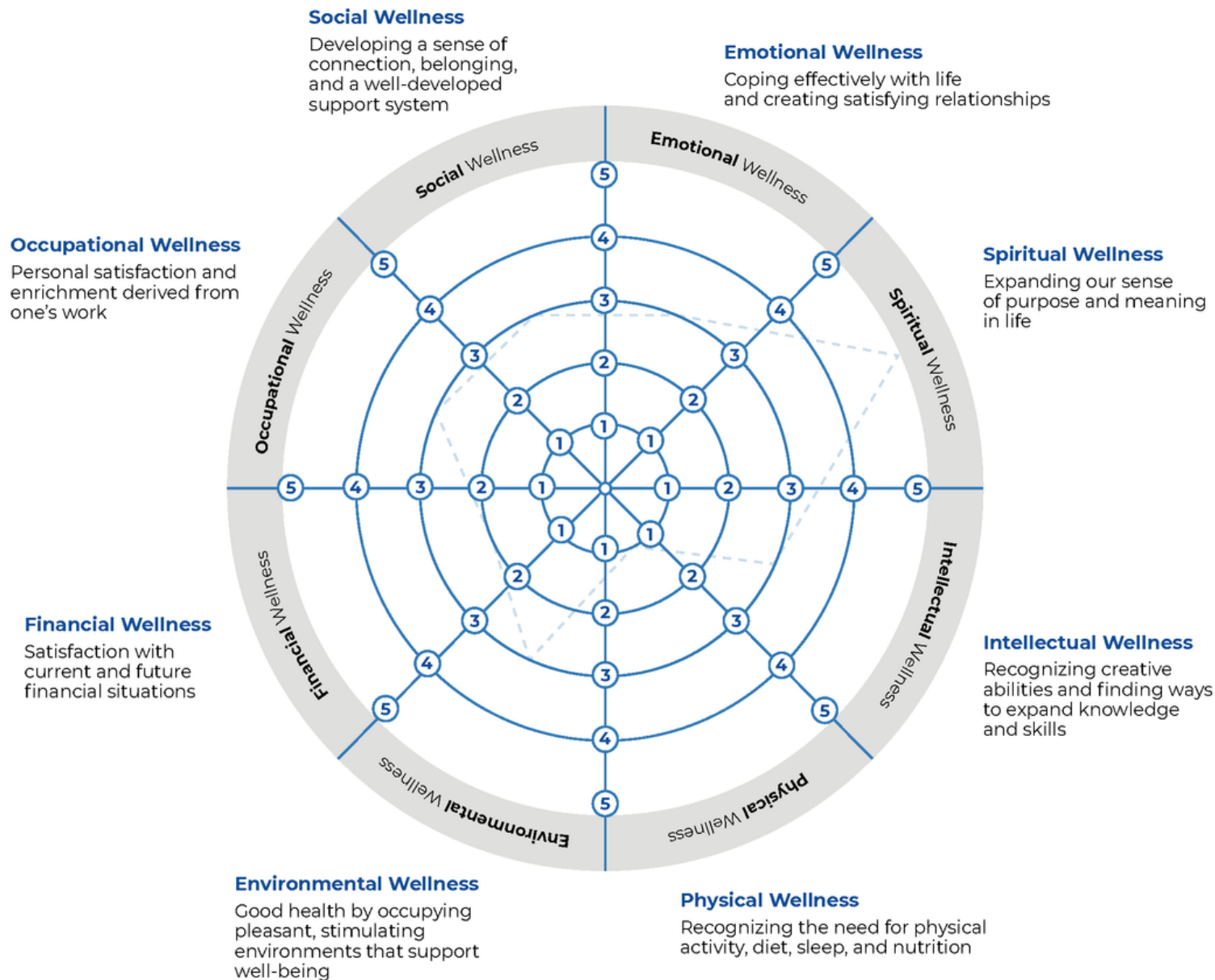
Author of the best seller [Women Who Run with the Wolves](#)

YOUR WELLNESS WHEEL

Score your current level of happiness in each of the sections on this wheel. The scale is 1-5. 1 is your lowest level of happiness and 5 is your highest level of happiness. You can either fill the corresponding section in or you can write some reasons for your score in that section – either way works. Then you can draw lines connecting each section like the example provided by the dotted lines. This is your wheel and it can show you quickly what is working and what still needs improvement. Good luck on your wellness journey.

Key

1. I am very unhappy with this part of my life.
2. I am unhappy with this part of my life, but I haven't hit rock-bottom.
3. This part of my life is pretty good but could still use some improvement.
4. I am content with this part of my life, but I can see a few tweaks that would make it even better.
5. I am completely happy and fulfilled in this part of my life – there is no room for improvement.



Problem Issue	What I Do Now	What I Plan to Do	How I Will Do it

Understanding Proposed Amendments to ICJ Rules

Contents

- Proposals At-A-Glance
- Understanding the "Relocate" Proposals

Voting will occur on Wednesday,
September 27 during the General Session



Understanding Proposed Amendments to ICJ Rules

Click on the Rule title below to navigate to the proposal.

Order	Rule Name	Submitter	Supported by Rules Committee	Effect on other Rules & Advisory Opinions	UNITY Impact	FORMS Impact	FISCAL Impact	Notes
1	1-101: Relocate (bundled with 4-101 and 4-103)	Rules Committee	Y	Y	N; unless Relocate bundle passes and 8-101 does <u>not</u> pass, then Y	N	N; unless Relocate bundle passes and 8-101 does <u>not</u> pass, then \$13,750	
	4-101: Eligibility Requirements for the Transfer of Supervision (bundled with 1-101 and 4-103)							
	4-103: TOS Procedures for JSOs (bundled with 1-101 and 4-101)							
2	8-101: Travel Permits	Rules Committee	No position	Y	N; unless Relocate bundle passes and 8-101 does <u>not</u> pass, then Y	N	N; unless Relocate bundle passes and 8-101 does <u>not</u> pass, then \$13,750	
3	4-102: Sending and Receiving Referrals	Midwest Region	Y	Y	Y	N	\$15,750	
4	4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision	Delaware, Maryland	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$17,250	
5	4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision	West Region	Y	N	N	N	N	
6	5-103: Reporting Juvenile Non-Compliance, Failed Supervision, and Retaking (bundled with NEW 5-103-A)	Technology Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$50,750	
	NEW 5-103A: Failed Supervision Determined by Receiving State (bundled with 5-103)							
7	7-106: Transportation	Rules Committee	Y	N	N	N	N	
8	7-106: Transportation	Arkansas, Missouri	Y	N	N	N	N	
9	7-107: Airport Supervision	South Region	Y	N	N	N	N	
10	8-101: Travel Permits	East Region	Y	N	N	N	N	

Understanding the Rules Committee "Relocate" Proposals

Rules Committee Proposals: Bundle of Rules 1-101, 4-101, & 4-103 and Rule 8-101

Current ICJ Rules

Relocate is defined by ICJ Rule 1-101 as "when a juvenile remains in another state for more than 90 consecutive days in any 12 month period." Therefore, in Rules 4-101 and 4-103, eligibility for transfer depends upon whether a juvenile will be living in the receiving state for at least 90 consecutive days.

Rule 8-101(b)(ii) requires a travel permit for all juveniles who are "relocating" to another state pending a request for a transfer of supervision, even if they already reside in the receiving state. UNITY currently requires travel permits for these cases.



Rules Committee Proposals

If the Commission votes to support the bundled proposal to Rules 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103, then the term "Relocate" will be removed from ICJ definitions and will revert to the traditional sense of the word, that is "to move from one place to another." Rule 4-101 would still require that a juvenile have >90 days of supervision remaining to be eligible to transfer, but the term "Relocate" would no longer contain a length of time requirement.

The Rules Committee wants the Commission to decide if Travel Permits should be required for juveniles who already reside in the receiving state at the time of adjudication by also considering a proposal to Rule 8-101. If you think that Travel Permits should be required, vote "yes" on the Rules Committee's proposal to 8-101. If you think that Travel Permits should NOT be required, vote "yes" on the bundle to 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103, and vote "no" on the Rules Committee's proposal to 8-101.

What happens to Travel Permit requirements for juveniles who already reside in the receiving state at the time of adjudication?

	If 8-101 Passes	If 8-101 Does Not Pass
If Bundle Passes	 Travel Permit Required No Changes to UNITY	 Changes Required to UNITY to Remove Travel Permit For These Cases
If Bundle Does Not Pass	 Travel Permit Required No Changes to UNITY	 Travel Permit Required No Changes to UNITY



EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR IN-STATE TRAINING

2023 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING | SEPT 25-27, 2023

Effective Strategies for In-State Training was developed to help ICJ Offices interactively design and execute their own training plans. Presenters **Holly Kassube**, Illinois Deputy Compact Administrator, and **Jessica Wald**, North Dakota Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator, will lead the session and equip attendees with tools to develop individual plans for their state's structure.

An *Effective Training Guide and Plan* was created to help identify key questions when planning a training, including: ways to reach different audiences, strategies such as modes and methods of training, and tools and materials to execute a successful and effective training.

Comprehensive ICJ Training Presentation

A new and improved comprehensive ICJ training presentation was also developed for ICJ Offices to download and utilize. A link to download the presentation can be accessed on the [Commission's website](#). It includes:

- The Compact's history and when it applies
- The Commission's purpose and organizational structure
- The National Office's purpose and duties
- State roles and Compact Office functions
- State Councils
- Transfer of Supervision, Supervision in the Receiving State, Closure of Cases, Travel Permits, Runaways, Returns, Additional Requirements
- UNITY
- Best Practices
- Forms
- Flowcharts
- Scenarios
- And much more!

How do I download and edit the presentation?

Watch [this video](#) to learn how to download the presentation from Canva and edit via Microsoft PowerPoint to fit your state's needs. Requires free account creation.



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TRAINING MATERIALS

The Interstate Commission for Juveniles publishes numerous training materials to assist individuals in learning and training on the Interstate Compact. The following presentations and documents are available for download.

Click the + sign to expand the resources listed by topic.

+ Annual Business Meeting Trainings

+ Closing a Case

+ Eligibility

+ General Training

Presentation: [Interstate Compact for Juveniles Training](#) via Canva.com.

How to Present Slides: Click Ctrl + Alt + P to present slides directly from Canva website.

How to Download and Edit: Watch [this video](#) to learn how to download the presentation from Canva and edit via Microsoft PowerPoint to fit your state's needs. Requires free account creation.

Presentation: [State Council Training](#)

On-Demand: [ICJ Courses 101 - 105](#)

On-Demand: [Amendment Training](#)

Document: [Ex Officio Orientation Manual](#)

Document: [Executive Committee Handbook](#)

Document: [Commissioner Handbook](#)

Document: [Intro to ICJ Brochure](#)

Document: [Quick Reference Guide for ICJ Cases](#) (tri-fold) [Quick Reference Guide](#) (web viewing version)

Document: [Best Practice Guide for ICJ and ICPC Dual Jurisdiction Cases](#) published by the AAICPC/ICJ Work Group

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Effective Training Guide

Who is my audience?

- What type(s) of people are your target audience?
- What discipline(s) does your audience come from?
- What type of work organizational culture does your audience have?
- How does this topic impact your audience?
- How does this topic impact your audience's work organization?

What does your audience need to know and understand?

- How much does your audience know about this topic?
- What materials on the ICJ website already covers this topic?
- What gaps are there?
- What strategies may be helpful to work with your audience?
- What skills will the training focus on?

How will you reach your audience?

- How well does your audience know you? Have you already built a rapport with them?
- What do you have in common with your audience, and where do you differ?
- Are you the trainer? If not, who is?
- How will you promote the training to your audience?
- Will the training be in person or virtual?
- How will you get training materials to your audience?

Training Basics

The most important consideration when developing a training should always be which methods will benefit your audience and your organization the *most*.

- Train the trainer
- Utilize current resources - Don't reinvent the wheel!
 - ICJ Website
 - Wednesday Workshops
 - UNITY Spotlight articles
 - Bench Books & Cards
- Personalization
- How will you measure success? Surveys? Certificates?
- Information Sessions vs. Training Sessions

What resources will you use?

Presentations, Demos, ICJ Rules, ICJ Website Resources, TalentLMS, Cheat Sheet?



1. _____

2. _____

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2. _____
3. _____

Projects & Ideas for later

1. _____
2. _____

Quarterly Goal: _____

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

East Region Meeting Agenda

Sheraton Salt Lake City
Sundance Room
4:00 p.m. MST
September 26, 2023



Call to Order – *Representative Caitlyn Bickford (NH)*

Roll Call – *Jenny Adkins - National Office Staff*

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes
July 13, 2023

Discussion

Hot Topics:

- 2023 ICJ Rule Proposals
- Effective Strategies for Training Locals
- Published Toolkit on Returns and Child Welfare

Non-delinquent Runaways & NCIC

- Next Steps

State Updates

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

**This meeting is recorded.*

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

East Region Meeting Minutes



July 13, 2023
11:00 a.m. ET
via zoom

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Caitlyn Bickford (NH), Commissioner, East Region Representative
2. Patricia Casanova (VT), Designee, East Region Alternate Representative
3. Tasha Hunt (CT), Commissioner
4. Roy Curtis (ME), Commissioner
5. Pam Weinman (NY), Designee
6. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA), Commissioner
7. JoAnn Niksa (RI), Designee
8. Eavey Monique-James (USVI), Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees not in Attendance:

1. Nordia Napier (CT), Designee
2. Mike Casey (DE), Commissioner
3. Christine Norris (DE), Designee
4. Becki Moore (MA), Commissioner
5. Jennifer LeBaron (NJ), Commissioner
6. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ), Designee
7. Suzanne Miles-Gustave (NY), Commissioner
8. Jessica Nash (RI), Commissioner

Non-voting Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Cecily Rexach (CT)
2. Erin Breitigan (DE)
3. Donna Reed (MA)
4. Robert Lemieux (MA)
5. Kelly Palmateer (NY)
6. Shaina Kern (NY)

Guests in Attendance:

1. Bill Dolan (RI)

National Office Staff and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
4. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
5. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

Call to Order

Representative C. Bickford (NH) called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET.

Roll Call

- Executive Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.
- J. Niksa (RI) announced her plans to retire August 31, 2023 and expressed her appreciation to her East Region colleagues. She introduced Bill Dolan (RI). Mr. Dolan has worked as her ICJ backup for years and will move into the position permanently on September 10. Also, he plans to attend the 2023 ICJ Annual Business Meeting (ABM).
- Region Representative C. Bickford (NH) and other region members shared warm sentiments to JoAnn for her long-term service and commitment to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles and the ICJ East Region.

Agenda

E. M. James (VI) made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Niksa (RI) seconded. Representative Bickford indicated the agenda was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Minutes

R. Curtis (ME) made a motion to approve the minutes from January 31, 2023, meeting as presented. T. Cassanova (VT) seconded. Representative Bickford indicated the minutes were approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Discussion

Hot Topics from [“ICJ Updates”](#) – *Region Representative & Alt Representative*

New & Updated Resources Promoting Compliance & Equity

- Representative C. Bickford (NH) referenced the “New and Updated Resources, July 2023” document that was shared with the region prior to the meeting.

Training Bulletin: Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation

- Representative C. Bickford (NH) provided the background and an in-depth overview of the recently released new [“Training Bulletin: Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation.”](#)
- The new Training Bulletin evolved from the 2022 UNITY Data Assessment which indicated that some violation reports lacked a reason for the recommendation to discharge or request revocation. In some cases, a Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) was submitted instead of a Violation Report when the supervising officer requested revocation. The assessment also found that absconders were reported via a Violation Report instead of an Absconder Report. There also seemed to be some confusion regarding when to use a Failed Supervision Event in UNITY verses a Violation Report Event. Finally, the assessment found evidence that in some cases the receiving state may not have exhausted all efforts or treated Compact juveniles the same as their own juveniles prior to submitting a Violation Report.
- The Training Bulletin was a collaboration between the Compliance and the Information Technology Committees to explain the requirements of the ICJ Rule 5-103 when discharge or revocation is requested for a violation.
- When discharge or revocation is requested, Rule 5-103 requires the sending state to include the action to be taken and the date that action will occur within 10-

business days of receiving the Violation Report. One finding from the data assessment was that instead of responding to the Violation Report with the action to be taken and the date the action would occur, the sending state sometimes submitted a case closure task and left their response to the Violation Report blank. Oftentimes, this was found to occur after the 10-business day response requirement.

- Submitting a case closure only, instead of documenting the information on the Violation Report, does not fulfill the ICJ Rule 5-103(2) requirements. When this occurs, the Form IX remains blank in regards to the sending state's required response.
- Director Underwood commended the work of the Compliance and Technology Committees this year to prepare the resources. Last year a global assessment was conducted rather than state by state. This is a way to assist states with understanding where there may be areas of needed improvement and focus for Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) specific to their needs.
- E. M. James (VI) applauded the new resource and commented on the frustration states experience with regards to a transfer of supervisor when due diligence and follow up is neglected in the field.

Best Practice: Intrastate Relocation (updated)

- Alternate Representative T. Casanova (VT) provided the background and an in-depth overview of the recently updated "[Best Practice: Intrastate Relocation](#)."
- The updated Best Practice was a collaboration between the Compliance and the Information Technology Committees.
- The UNITY Data Assessment found some interesting behavior related to how states attempt to reset Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) due dates when a juvenile relocates within the receiving state. Sometimes blank QPRs were submitted. In a few instances, cases were closed and reopened or new home evaluation event was submitted, but not actually used to request a new home evaluation. The assessment found evidence that this was done specifically to reset QPR due dates. To address this finding, the existing Best Practice on Intrastate Relocations was amended
- In summary, new language was added to indicate that when an intrastate relocation occurs, the receiving state is still required to submit a Quarter Progress Report (QPR) in accordance with the required timeframes, which is on a quarterly basis or every 90 calendar days. UNITY events should not be used to reset or manipulate QPR due dates when a juvenile moves to a new residence in the receiving state.
- J. Niksa (RI) asked whether the receiving state should send an additional report: before or after the change in residence. Alternate Representative T. Casanova (VT) replied that when the QPR clock is set, it should not change even if the juvenile relocates.

Best Practice: Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families

- Alternate Representative T. Casanova (VT) provided an overview of the recently released new [Best Practice: Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families](#).
- The new Best Practice was developed by the Racial Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee in response to the ICJ data related to race, which was reviewed in 2022.

- States are encouraged to focus on home evaluations because data suggests race-based disparities may exist in denials of requests for transfers of supervision.
- The new resource includes several suggestions for consideration during a home evaluation. The new Best Practice demonstrates a commitment to addressing racial diversity, equity, and inclusion and acknowledges that bold, strategic action must be taken in areas where disparity exists. The new resource includes detailed considerations for conducting home evaluations with unconventional families.
- Representative C. Bickford (NH) updated that a proposed amendment to Rule 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision related to the issue will be presented for vote during the 2023 ABM. After the ABM, a training will be conducted on the Best Practice and Rule 4-104, particularly if the proposed amendment is adopted.
- E. Breitigan (DE) asked if the Commission has a resource that specifically addressed “undocumented youth.” Delaware recently experienced a case whereby child welfare became involved as a legal guardian was needed to authorize medical care. Director Underwood replied there have been discussion. In [2010, an ICJ Legal Advisory Opinion](#) was published regarding undocumented juveniles; however, it may be worth a review.

UNITY Enhancements Rollout

- Representative C. Bickford (NH) provided an update on the [UNITY Enhancements Rollout](#), which included three items.
 - How to request support
 - She shared the online form to submit a request in the UNITY Help Center and encouraged everyone submit these forms to request support, to help with tracking of issues and resolutions.
 - What's next.
 - To date, UNITY enhancements phases 1 and 2 were released. In August, the third and final release will include: failed supervision workflow, court case data fields, collaborative travel plan detail, and new acknowledgement task departure information. The release date is August 8. “Open House” support sessions (conducted via Zoom) will provide opportunities to ask questions. Session dates are August 8, 9, 10, and 11.
 - Wednesday Workshops
 - The next UNITY workshop will be conducted July 26 related to the August releases.
 - The last workshop prior to the ABM is slated for August 30.
- R. Curtis (ME), Technology Committee Vice Chair, asked for feedback on the UNITY enhancement rollouts to date. Representative Bickford shared the “floating panel” enhancements was “fabulous.”
- R. Curtis (ME) added that during the Technology Committee’s July 11 meeting, members identified their top 3 enhancements to date: floating panel; documents section; and requirement to select a user to receive each Case Communication.

Reminders

- Representative C. Bickford (NH) reminded the East Region of the following items and deadlines:

In-State Training Reports for FY 2023

- Members should submit training data via the [online ICJ Training Report Form](#) for all in-state trainings completed July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. The information is collected and reported in the ICJ Annual Report. The deadline for submitting the information online is July 28.

After-Hours Contact Information Matrix

- A new [After-Hours Contact Information Matrix](#) is now live on the website. Submissions are optional, but can be very helpful as states operate differently in how they handle after-hours responses. To update pertinent information, members were encouraged to use the [online form](#) to provide their state's information.

2023 ICJ Annual Business Meeting

- The 2023 Annual Business Meeting is only two months away. The deadline to register is August 8. Preparing to attending the ABM is a 3-step process:
 1. Meeting [Registration](#)
 2. Hotel [Reservation](#)
 3. Purchase Airline Tickets (once you are approved to travel). Travel and reimbursement are administered in accordance with the [ICJ Travel Reimbursement Policy](#).
- Representative C. Bickford (NH) provided an overview of the 2023 nominations:
 - [Nominations process for officers](#). The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer will be elected for the 2024.
 - [Leadership Award](#). The annual award is open for Commissioners, Designees, Compact Administrators, and Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA), and Compact Coordinators who exhibited outstanding leadership skills and dedication to the Commission.
 - [New Legacy Award](#) (15 years of ICJ service). The new award will be presented to all Compact staff that have been working in a state Compact office for 15 or more years. The new award will be introduced at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting to commemorate the Commission's 15-year anniversary. Director Underwood noted individuals need to nominate themselves, as the National Office may not know they have worked 15 years with the Compact.
 - [New Rising Star Award](#). The new Rising Star Award recognizes an up-and-coming ICJ Commissioner, Compact Administrator, Designee, Deputy Compact Administrator, or Compact Office staff member. This individual has demonstrated special ability or leadership during their first 2 years and shows evidence of a promising future in the field.

Old Business

Non-delinquent runaways and NCIC

- J. Niksa (RI) shared that sometimes local police remove NCIC records when out-of-state runaways are located, rather than when they are apprehended. This leads to complications with detaining the youth pending a return. She suggested training staff to confirm the youth is in custody before notifying law enforcement, which may avoid their record being prematurely deleted from NCIC.

- Representative C. Bickford (NH) noted there have been other issues when law enforcement is involved with picking up a non-delinquent runaway.
- J. Niksa (RI) shared that she begins the process as soon as she learns of the youth's possibly location. She submits a requisition request for return and requests the Judge issue a bench warrant/pick-up order for the police to use as legal support.
- T. Casanova (VT) shared she also has used requisitions and that she asks field staff to confirm the youth was entered into NCIC.

New Business

Proactive Monitoring Feedback Survey

- Everyone is asked to complete the Proactive Monitoring Feedback Survey if they have not already. The link below was provided:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ICJProactiveMonitoringFeedbackSurvey>

ICJ and Child Welfare: A Collaborative Effort, 2023 ABM Panel Discussion

- There will be a panel discussion at the 2023 ABM on the topic of collaborations with child welfare agencies. The panel will include a representative from each of the four ICJ regions. The preference is for a volunteer whose agency does not house both ICJ and Child Welfare agencies, as others are representing that model.
- R. Curtis (ME) volunteered to serve on the panel. Currently, Maine is discussing the topic of working collaboratively with the state's child welfare agency.

Adjourn

Representative Bickford adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:56 p.m. ET.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region Meeting Agenda

Sheraton Salt Lake City
Snowbird Room
4:00 p.m. MST
September 26, 2023



Call to Order – *Representative Chuck Frieberg (SD)*

Roll Call – *Emma Goode, National Office Staff*

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes
July 18, 2023

Discussion

Hot Topics:

- 2023 ICJ Rule Proposals
- Effective Strategies for Training Locals
- New Toolkit on Returns and Child Welfare

State Updates

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

**This meeting is recorded.*

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region Meeting



July 18, 2023
Meeting Minutes
11:00 a.m. ET
Via Zoom

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner, Region Representative
2. Sasaun Lane (OH), Commissioner, Alternate Representative
3. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
4. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Commissioner
5. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
6. Fareeda Washington (KS), Designee
7. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
8. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
9. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner
10. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
11. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees not in Attendance:

1. Megan Milner (KS), Commissioner
2. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Nataly Sevilla (IN)
2. Nita Wright (IN)
3. Liz Wilson (KS)
4. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
5. Kathy Christianson (SD)
6. Cheryl Frost (SD)

Guest in Attendance:

None

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administration Specialist
2. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist

Call to Order

Representative Frieberg called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET.

Roll Call

Jenny Adkins, National Office Staff, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

J. Wald (ND) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. C. Gerber (WI) seconded. Representative Frieberg indicated the agenda was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Minutes

M. K. Hudson (IN) made a motion to approved the minutes from the Midwest April 26, 2023, and May 23, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. K. Torres (IA) seconded. Representative Frieberg indicated the minutes were approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Discussion

Hot Topics from "[ICJ Updates](#)" – *Region Representative & Alt Representative*

New & Updated Resources Promoting Compliance & Equity

Training Bulletin: Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation

- Compliance Committee Chair Rader (NE) provided an in-depth overview of the recently released new "[Training Bulletin: Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation](#)."
- The new Training Bulletin evolved from the 2022 UNITY Data Assessment which indicated that some reports lacked a reasoning for the recommendation to discharge or request revocation. In some cases, a Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) was submitted instead of a violation report when the supervising officer requested revocation. The assessment also found that absconders were reported via a violation report instead of an absconder report. There also seemed to be some confusion regarding when to use a failed supervision event verses a violation report. Finally, the report found evidence that the receiving state may not have exhausted all efforts or treated juveniles transfer pursuant to the Compact the same as their own juveniles prior to submitting violation reports.
- The Training Bulletin was a collaboration between the Compliance and Technology Committees to explain the requirements of ICJ Rule 5-103 when discharge or revocation is requested for a violation and provide a better understanding of how to discern instances which require the different reports.

Best Practice: Intrastate Relocation (updated)

- Compliance Committee Chair Rader (NE) provided an overview of the recently updated "[Best Practice: Intrastate Relocation](#)."
- The updated Best Practice was a collaboration between the Compliance and the Information Technology Committees.
- In summary, the new language was added to indicate that when an intrastate relocation occurs, the receiving state is still required to submit a Quarter Progress Report (QPR) in accordance with the required timeframes, which is on a quarterly basis or every 90 calendar days. UNITY events should not be used to reset or manipulate QPR due dates when a juvenile moves to a new residence in the receiving state.

Best Practice: Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families

- Representative C. Frieberg (SD) provided an overview of the recently released [Best Practice: Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families](#).
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- States are encouraged to focus on home evaluations because data suggests race-based disparities may exist in denials of requests for transfer of supervision. The new resource includes several suggestions for consideration during a home evaluation. The new Best Practice demonstrates a commitment to addressing racial diversity, equity and inclusion and acknowledges that bold, strategic action must be taken in areas where disparity exists.

UNITY Enhancements Rollout

- J. Johnson, System Project Manager, provided an update on the [UNITY Enhancements Rollout](#), which included the three items below.
 - How to request support.
 - He shared the online form to submit a request in the UNITY Help Center and encouraged everyone to submit forms, rather than email, to help with tracking issues and resolutions.
 - What's next.
 - To date, UNITY enhancements phases 1 and 2 have been released.
 - In August the third and final release will include: failed supervision workflow, court case data fields, collaborative travel plan detail, and new acknowledgement task departure information.
 - More open house support sessions will be offered via Zoom for phase 3 as the final release includes eight (8) parts.
 - Prior to the release, a "UNITY Spotlight" article will provide information about all the enhancements.
 - Wednesday Workshops
 - The next Wednesday Workshop will be conducted July 26 and will focus on UNITY enhancements to be released in August. J. Johnson encouraged members to share the workshop information and encouraged field officers to attend.
- Lastly, J. Johnson, System Project Manager, acknowledged the great work of the UNITY Enhancement Testing Team.

Reminders

- Representative C. Frieberg (SD) reminded the Midwest Region of the following items and deadlines.

In-State Training Reports for FY 2023

- The deadline for completing the 2023 In-State Training is July 28. The information is submitted by completing the [online ICJ Training Report Form](#) for all in-state trainings completed July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

After-Hours Contact Information Matrix

- A new [After-Hours Contact Information Matrix](#) is now live on the website. Submissions are optional, but can be very helpful as states operate differently in

how they handle after-hours responses. To update pertinent information, enter in the [online form](#).

2023 ICJ Annual Business Meeting – Deadline – August 8, 2023

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- 2023 nominations include:
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Old Business

Proposed Amendment to Rule 4-102 Sending and Receiving

- T. Hudrlik (MN) updated that the Rules Committee met in July. The Midwest Region's updated proposal to amended Rule 4-102 Sending and Receiving Referrals received a recommendation for adoption by the Rules Committee.

New Business

ICJ and Child Welfare: A Collaborative Effort, 2023 ABM Panel Discussion

- There will be a panel discussion at the 2023 ABM on the topic of collaborations with child welfare agencies. The panel will include a representative from each of the four ICJ regions. Representative C. Frieberg (SD) announced that he received three responses. Liz Wilson (KS), Abbie Christian (NE), and Kellianne Torres (IA) volunteered. Representative Frieberg asked for input from the region.
- J. Rader (NE) suggested submitting all three names to the National Office.
- M. K. Hudson (IN) agreed that submitting all three names would provide opportunity to determine which would best compliment the other panelists.

Proactive Monitoring Feedback Survey

- J. Adkins, Policy and Operations Specialist, updated that the Compliance Committee appreciates everyone completing the [Proactive Monitoring Feedback](#)

[Survey](#) to gather input on how things are going to determine any changes or tweaks that should be considered.

STATE UPDATES

- M. K. Hudson (IN) commented that she is looking forward to Child Welfare panel discussion session at the 2023 ABM.
- T. Frierson (IL) announced that her current back-up, Melissa Smith, is transferring to the Department of Corrections. Commissioner Frierson will announce her new back-up staff as soon as she completes training.

Adjourn

M. K. Hudson (IN) made a motion to adjourn. T. Frierson (IL) seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. ET.

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INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

South Region Meeting Agenda

Sheraton Salt Lake City
Solitude-Powder Mountain Room
4:00 p.m. MST
September 26, 2023



Call to Order – *Representative Felicia Dauway (SC)*

Roll Call – *Joe Johnson, National Office Staff*

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes
July 25, 2023

Discussion

Hot Topics:

- 2023 ICJ Rule Proposals
- Effective Strategies for Training Locals
- Published Toolkit on Returns and Child Welfare

State Updates

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

**This meeting is recorded.*

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

South Region Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2023
11:00 a.m. ET
Via Zoom



Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Felicia Dauway (SC), Designee, Region Representative
2. Jean Hall (FL), Commissioner, Alternate Region Representative
3. Patrick Pendergast (AL), Designee
4. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
5. Jefferson Regis (DC), Commissioner
6. Rusty Rodgers (GA), Commissioner
7. Amy Welch (KY), Commissioner
8. Stephen Jenkins (LA), Designee
9. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
10. Maxine Baggett (MS), Designee
11. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
12. Stephen Horton (NC), Commissioner
13. Robert Hendryx (OK), Designee
14. Corrie Copeland (TN), Commissioner
15. Lynn Fielder (WV), Designee

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
2. Robert Anderson (MS), Commissioner
3. Rachel Holt (OK) Commissioner
4. Louis Serrano (TX), Commissioner
5. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
6. Stephanie Bond (WV), Commissioner

Non-voting Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Chanda Leshoure (AL)
2. Latosha Mallory (AL)
3. Terrance Clayton (FL)
4. Teecara Richardson (FL)
5. Ryan Smith (FL)
6. Rhonda Turner (FL)
7. Tracy Cassell (GA), Designee
8. Shanice Rhyne (GA), Compact Administrator
9. Melina Hampton (KY), Designee
10. Sherri Springate (KY)
11. Yolanda Latimer (LA)
12. Rachel Johnson (NC)
13. Mason Harrington (SC)
14. Bridget Webb (SC)
15. Daryl Liedেকে (TX)

Guests in Attendance:

None

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
4. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
5. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

Call to Order

Representative F. Dauway (SC) called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

S. Horton (NC) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A. Welch (KY) seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

J. Miller (AR) made a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 meeting minutes. J. Hall (FL) seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) announced personnel changes noting their contact information is located on the [ICJ Directory](#).
 - Florida: Alannah Flagler, Compact Staff Administrative Assistant
 - New York: Francesco Bianco retired and Pam Weinman has been appointed Deputy Compact Administrator.

Hot Topics from “[ICJ Updates](#)” – *Region Representative & Alt Representative***New & Updated Resources Promoting Compliance & Equity**

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) referenced the “New and Updated Resources, July 2023” document that was shared with the region prior to the meeting. She applauded the new resource and encouraged members to share the document and information. Before presenting the new resources, she explained the differences between an ICJ Training Bulletin and an ICJ Best Practice.
 - An ICJ Training Bulletin assists in the understanding of the ICJ Rule requirements.
 - An ICJ Best Practice provides guidelines that represent the most efficient or practical course of action, using step-by-step processes to tackle challenges, create consistency, and serve as a general outline for a variety of situations.

Training Bulletin: Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) provided the background and an in-depth overview of the recently released new [“Training Bulletin: Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation.”](#)
- The new Training Bulletin evolved from the 2022 UNITY Data Assessment which indicated that some violation reports lacked a reason for the recommendation to discharge or request revocation. In some cases, a Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) was submitted instead of a Violation Report when the supervising officer requested revocation. The assessment also found that absconders were reported via a Violation Report instead of an Absconder Report. There also seemed to be some confusion regarding when to use a failed supervision event verses a Violation Report. Finally, the assessment found evidence that in some cases the receiving state may not have exhausted all efforts or treated Compact juveniles the same as their own juveniles prior to submitting a Violation Report.
- The Training Bulletin was a collaboration between the Compliance and the Information Technology Committees to explain the requirements of the ICJ Rule 5-103 when discharge or revocation is requested for a violation.
- When discharge or revocation is requested, Rule 5-103 requires the sending state to include the action to be taken and the date that action will occur within 10-business days of receiving the Violation Report. One finding from the data assessment was that instead of responding to the Violation Report with the action to be taken and the date the action would occur, the sending state sometimes submits a case closure task and leaves their response to the Violation Report blank. Oftentimes, this was found to occur after the 10-business day response requirement.
- Submitting a case closure only, instead of documenting the information on the Violation Report, does not fulfill the ICJ Rule 5-103(2) requirements. When this occurs, the Form IX remains blank in regards to the sending state's required response.

Best Practice: Intrastate Relocation (updated)

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) provided the background and an in-depth overview of the recently updated [“Best Practice: Intrastate Relocation.”](#)
- The updated Best Practice was a collaboration between the Compliance and the Information Technology Committees.
- In summary, the new language was added to indicate that when an intrastate relocation occurs, the receiving state is still required to submit a Quarter Progress Report (QPR) in accordance with the required timeframes, which is on a quarterly basis or every 90 calendar days. UNITY events should not be used to reset or manipulate QPR due dates when a juvenile moves to a new residence in the receiving state.

Best Practice: Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) provided an overview of the recently released new [Best Practice: Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families.](#)
- The new Best Practice was developed by the Racial Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee in response to the ICJ data related to race, which was reviewed in 2022.

- States are encouraged to focus on home evaluations because data suggests race-based disparities may exist in denials of requests for transfer of supervision. The new resource includes several suggestions for consideration during a home evaluation. The new Best Practice demonstrates a commitment to addressing racial diversity, equity and inclusion and acknowledges that bold, strategic action must be taken in areas where disparity exists.
- S. Jones (MD) recognized the work and commitment throughout the year by the regions and committees to bring the new resource to fruition.

UNITY Enhancements Rollout

- Alternate Region Representative J. Hall (FL) provided an update on the [UNITY Enhancements Rollout](#), which included the three items below.
 - How to request support.
 - She shared the online form to submit a request in the UNITY Help Center and encouraged everyone to submit forms, rather than email, to help with tracking issues and resolutions.
 - What's next.
 - To date, UNITY enhancements phases 1 and 2 have been released. In August the third and final release will include: failed supervision workflow, court case data fields, collaborative travel plan details, and new acknowledgement task departure information. The release dates are: August 8, 9, 10, and 11.
 - Wednesday Workshops
 - The next UNITY workshop will be conducted July 26 related to the August releases.
 - The last workshop prior to the ABM is slated for August 30.

Reminders

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) reminded the South Region of the following items and deadlines:

In-State Training Reports for FY 2023

- Representative Dauway (SC) reminded the members to submit the [online ICJ Training Report Form](#) for all in-state trainings completed July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. The information is collected and reported in the ICJ Annual Report. The deadline for submitting on the information online is July 28.

After-Hours Contact Information Matrix

- A new [After-Hours Contact Information Matrix](#) is now live on the website. Submissions are optional, but can be very helpful as states operate differently in how they handle after-hours responses. To update pertinent information, members were encouraged to use the [online form](#).
- J. Miller (AR) asked how the information about the matrix was shared. Director Underwood replied the information was shared in the "ICJ Updates" newsletter, and possibly an email.

2023 ICJ Annual Business Meeting – Deadline – August 8, 2023

- Alternate Representative J. Hall (FL) announced the 2023 Annual Business Meeting is only two months away. The deadline to register is August 8. Preparing to attending the ABM is a 3-step process:
 1. Meeting [Registration](#)
 2. Hotel [Reservation](#)
 3. Purchase Airline Tickets (once you are approved to travel). Travel and reimbursement are administered in accordance with the [ICJ Travel Reimbursement Policy](#).
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) provided an overview of the 2023 nominations:
 - [Nominations process for officers](#). The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer will be elected for the 2024.
 - [Leadership Award](#). The annual award is open for Commissioners, Designees, Compact Administrators, and Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA), and Compact Coordinators who exhibited outstanding leadership skills and dedication to the Commission. Representative F. Dauway (SC) read the criteria and was pleased to note that the 2022 Leadership Award recipient is a member of the South Region - Judy Miller (AR).
 - [New Legacy Award](#) (15 years of ICJ service). The new award will be presented to all Compact staff that have been working in a state Compact office for 15 or more years. The new award will be introduced at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting to commemorate the Commission's 15-year anniversary. Director Underwood noted individuals need to nominate themselves, as the National Office may not know they have worked 15 years with the Compact.
 - [New Rising Star Award](#). The new Rising Star Award recognizes an up-and-coming ICJ Commissioner, Compact Administrator, Designee, Deputy Compact Administrator, or Compact Office staff member. This individual has demonstrated special ability or leadership during their first 2 years and shows evidence of a promising future in the field.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

[Proactive Monitoring Feedback Survey](#)

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) provided an overview of the [2023 UNITY Objectives](#). The Commission's new Proactive Monitoring Program started in April aimed to assist states through automatic Tableau report delivery and clean-up of UNITY data. The Commission has been asked to complete a short [Proactive Monitoring Feedback Survey](#) to determine how the program is working for State Compact offices in meeting the 2023 UNITY Maintenance Cycle and Rule-Based Compliance Standards.
- Director Underwood added that the purpose of the survey is to assess how this project is working for states. From the national perspective the project is working well and states are meeting high compliance standards. Nationally, the

Commission is operating at 90% or better for Home Evaluations and Quarterly Progress Reports. The Tableau reports are helpful for states to assess their performance. As the Commission continues to move forward with implementation science operations, feedback is imperative for evaluation and growth.

NCJFCJ Conference in Baltimore Maryland

- Director Underwood updated that she and Commissioner S. Jones (MD) recently attended the National Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. An ICJ exhibit table provided an opportunity to meet and greet judges and court personnel. Many of the connections were from the South Region.
- S. Jones (MD) added that attendees familiar with the Compact expressed positive experiences working with the Commission. The conference provided a “teachable moment” to those not familiar with the Compact.

Adjourn

Representative Dauway adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:49 a.m. ET.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

West Region Meeting Agenda

Sheraton Salt Lake City
Alta-Brighton Room
4:00 p.m. MST
September 26, 2023



Call to Order – *Representative Howard Wykes (AZ)*

Roll Call – *MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director*

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- July 13, 2023

Discussion

Hot Topics

- [2023 ICJ Rule Proposals](#)
- Effective Strategies for Training Locals

Returns & Child Welfare

- New Toolkit Published: [Returns & Child Welfare: Collaborating to Safely Return Runaways when Abuse is Reported](#)
- Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Meeting Update
- Possible Next Steps
 - Referral of issue to Rules Committee
 - Recommend training on Effective Reporting

State Updates

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

**This meeting is recorded.*

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES
West Region Meeting Minutes



July 13, 2023
2:00 p.m. ET
via zoom

Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Howard Wykes (AZ), Designee, West Region Representative
2. Maureen Clifton (WY), Commissioner, West Region Alternate Representative
3. Nichel Saceda-Hurt (AK), Designee
4. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner
5. Kristin Davidson (HI), Commissioner
6. Anne Connor (ID), Designee
7. Dale Dodd (NM), Commissioner
8. Nina Belli (OR), Commissioner
9. Raymundo Gallardo (UT), Designee
10. Jedd Pelander (WA), Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Jovay Jackson (AZ)
2. Shannon Yarber (CA)
3. Gladys Altamirano (NV)

Voting Members Not in Attendance:

1. Marvin Speed (CA), Commissioner
2. Michael Farmer (CA), Designee
3. Cathy Gordon (MT), Commissioner
4. David Laity (NV), Commissioner

National Office Staff & Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policies Specialist
4. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
5. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

Call to Order

Representative Wykes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

M. Clifton (WY) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. Representative Wykes (AZ) indicated the agenda was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Minutes

A. Connor (ID) made a motion to approve the June 8, 2023 meeting minutes. B. Montelongo (CO) seconded. Representative Wykes (AZ) indicated the minutes were approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Discussion

Hot Topics from ["ICJ Updates"](#) – *Region Representative & Alt Representative*

- Representative H. Wykes (AZ) provided an overview of the "New and Updated Resources" that were shared with the region prior to the meeting.

[Training Bulletin: Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation \(new\)](#)

- The new Training Bulletin is the result of the work by the Technology and Compliance Committees. The new resource evolved from the 2022 UNITY Data Assessment which indicated that some violation reports lacked a reason for the recommendation to discharge or request revocation. In some cases, a Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) was submitted instead of a Violation Report when the supervising officer requested revocation. The assessment also found that absconders were reported via Violation Reports instead of Absconder Reports. There also seemed to be some confusion regarding when to use a failed supervision event verses a Violation Report. Finally, the assessment found evidence that in some cases the receiving state may not have exhausted all efforts or treated Compact juveniles the same as their own juveniles prior to submitting a Violation Report.
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- The Form XI: Violation Report "reasoning for recommendation" field should also contain accurate information that justifies the request. The sending state may need to present the Violation Report to their court, therefore it important that field be complete and accurate.
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Commission Reminders

- Representative H. Wykes (AZ) reminded the West Region of the following items and deadlines:
 - [**In-State Training Reports**](#)
 - The in-state trainings for fiscal year 2023 should be reported via the online form by July 28.
 - [**After Hours Contact Information for New Matrix**](#)
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- **2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)**
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Old Business

Best Practice on Collaborations with Child Welfare Agencies - Toolkit on Returns when Abuse/Neglect is Reported

- Representative Wykes (AZ) recognized Anne Connor (ID), Mike Farmer (CA), Brooke Montelongo (CO), and Raymundo Gallardo (UT) for the work on the project. The discussion began to develop a Best Practice and has evolved into a Toolkit.
- The new Collaborations with Child Welfare Agencies Toolkit on Returns when Abuse/Neglect is Reported was provided prior to the meeting. He asked that the members review and provide feedback to mlunderwood@juvenilecompact.org by July 19. The new resource will be presented to the Executive Committee July 27 for approval to publish.
- A. Connor (ID) added that the toolkit was develop to assist Compact offices across the nation with these challenging cases to share how others have handled and they are not alone.

New Business

Proactive Monitoring Feedback Survey

- Representative Wykes (AZ) encouraged members to complete the short [Proactive Monitoring Feedback Survey](#). The Commission has been asked to completed a short survey to determine how the program is working for State Compact offices in meeting the 2023 UNITY Maintenance Cycle and Rule-Based Compliance Standards.
- J. Pelander (WA) asked if one or more from each state should complete the survey. J. Adkins, National Office Staff, responded that the goal was to receive feedback all individuals reviewing the reports and providing tasks.

ICJ and Child Welfare: A Collaborative Effort, 2023 ABM Panelists

- Representative Wykes (AZ) updated that there will be a panel discussion at the 2023 ABM on the topic of collaborations with child welfare agencies with a panelist from each of the four ICJ regions. He opened the floor for a West Region volunteer.
- B. Montelongo (MO) was recommended and she accepted. R. Gallardo (UT) will be the session's facilitator and there will be two local Utah agency representatives.

State Updates

A. Connor (ID) introduced and welcomed Shannon Yarber from California to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles.

Adjourn

Representative Wykes adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 2:38 p.m. ET.



AGENDA

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2023			
TIME (MT)	EVENT	LOCATION	PRESENTER
6:45 - 7:45 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET (PROVIDED)	ZION	
8:00 AM	CONVENE GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER FLAG PRESENTATION ROLL CALL OPENING REMARKS WELCOME ADDRESS APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM (BRYCE-ARCHES-CANYONS)	CHAIR NINA BELLI (OR) UTAH MILITARY ACADEMY JROTC JUDGE SUSAN H. EISENMAN
8:30 AM	YOUTH SPEAKER	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM	
9:30 AM	BREAK		
10:00 AM	COMMITTEE REPORTS EXECUTIVE COMPLIANCE FINANCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RACIAL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REGION REPORTS EAST REGION MIDWEST REGION SOUTH REGION WEST REGION LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM	CHAIR NINA BELLI (OR) JACEY RADER (NE) DALE DODD (NM) KELLIANNE TORRES (IA) SHERRY JONES (MD) CORRIE COPELAND (TN) CAITLYN BICKFORD (NH) CHARLES FRIEBERG (SD) FELICIA DAUWAY (SC) HOWARD WYKES (AZ) RICK MASTERS
11:30 AM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)		
1:15 PM	RECONVENE RULES COMMITTEE REPORT	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM	STEPHEN HORTON (NC)

2:00 PM	BREAK		
2:15 PM	ICJ & CHILD WELFARE: A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM	RAYMUNDO GALLARDO (UT) DANIEL RICH DEBORAH WOOD ROY CURTIS (ME) ABBIE CHRISTIAN (NE) JULIE HAWKINS (MO) BROOKE MONTELONGO (CO)
3:45 PM	BREAK		
4:00 PM	OLD BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS CALL TO THE PUBLIC ELECTION OF OFFICERS	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM	CHAIR NINA BELLI (OR)
4:30 PM	ADJOURN	CAPITOL REEF BALLROOM	
4:45 PM	NEW OFFICERS AND REGION REPRESENTATIVES WORK SESSION	NORTH STAR	

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 4 - 5, 2022 | BURLINGTON, VERMONT

2022 General Session Minutes

October 5, 2022

9:00 AM ET

DoubleTree Hilton Hotel
Burlington, Vermont

Call to Order and Presentation of the Flag

- The 2022 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles was called to order by Commission Chair Tasha Hunt (CT) at 9:00 a.m. ET, October 5, 2022.
- Chair Hunt welcomed and introduced the Vermont Girl Scout Troop 58784 of the Green and White Mountains, who presented the flags and led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Executive Director MaryLee Underwood called the roll. Forty-six (46) voting Commission members were present, establishing a quorum.

Members in Attendance:

1. Alabama	Patrick J. Pendergast, Designee
2. Alaska	Robert Heide, Commissioner
3. Arizona	Howard Wykes, Designee
4. Arkansas	Judy Miller, Designee
5. California	Michael Farmer, Designee
6. Colorado	Summer Foxworth, Commissioner
7. Connecticut	Tasha Hunt, Commissioner
8. Delaware	Christine Norris, Designee
9. District of Columbia	Jefferson Regis, Commissioner
10. Florida	Jean Hall, Commissioner
11. Georgia	Tracy Cassell, Designee
12. Hawaii	Shirleen Cadiz, Designee
13. Illinois	Tomiko Frierson, Commissioner
14. Indiana	April Simmons, Designee
15. Iowa	Kellianne Torres, Designee
16. Louisiana	Juanita Anderson-Hilton, Commissioner
17. Maine	A. Roy Curtis, Commissioner
18. Maryland	Sherry Jones, Commissioner
19. Massachusetts	Rebecca Moore, Designee
20. Michigan	Michael Tymkew, Commissioner
21. Minnesota	Tracy Hudrik, Commissioner

22. Mississippi	Maxine Baggett, Designee
23. Missouri	Julie Hawkins, Commissioner
24. Montana	Cathy Gordon, Commissioner
25. Nevada	David Laity, Commissioner
26. New Hampshire	Caitlyn Bickford, Commissioner
27. New Jersey	Edwin Lee, Jr., Designee
28. New Mexico	Dale Dodd, Commissioner
29. New York	Francesco Bianco, Jr., Designee
30. North Carolina	Stephen Horton, Commissioner
31. North Dakota	Jessica Wald, Designee
32. Ohio	Nathan Lawson, Commissioner
33. Oklahoma	Robert Hendryx, Designee
34. Oregon	Nina Belli, Commissioner
35. Rhode Island	JoAnn Niksa, Designee
36. South Carolina	Felicia Dauway, Designee
37. South Dakota	Charles Frieberg, Commissioner
38. Tennessee	Correnthia Copeland, Commissioner
39. Texas	Daryl Liedecker, Commissioner
40. Utah	Raymundo Gallardo, Designee
41. Vermont	Trissie Casanova, Designee
42. Virgin Islands	Eavey-Monique James, Commissioner
43. Washington	Dawn Bailey, Designee
44. West Virginia	Lynn Fielder, Designee
45. Wisconsin	Casey Gerber, Commissioner
46. Wyoming	Maureen Clifton, Commissioner

Members Not in Attendance

1. Idaho
2. Kansas
3. Kentucky
4. Nebraska
5. Pennsylvania
6. Virginia

Ex Officio Members in Attendance:

1. American Parole and Probation Association (APPA) – Veronica Cunningham
2. Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC) – Kara Buxton
3. Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) – Steven P. LaFreniere
4. Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) – Dale Crook

ICJ National Office and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

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| 1. MaryLee Underwood | Executive Director |
| 2. Emma Goode | Logistics and Administrative Specialist |
| 3. Jennifer Adkins | Operations and Policy Specialist |
| 4. Joe Johnson | Systems Project Manager |
| 5. Amanee Cabbagestalk | Training and Administrative Specialist |
| 6. Richard L. Masters | Legal Counsel |

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

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| 1. Alabama | Latosha Mallory |
| 2. Alaska | Nichel Saceda-Hurt |
| 3. California | Ryan Youtsey |
| 4. Connecticut | Nordia Napier |
| 5. Florida | Tracy Howard |
| 6. Indiana | Sevilla Nataly |
| 7. Louisiana | Angela Bridgewater |
| 8. Louisiana | Yolanda Latimer |
| 9. Maine | Christine Thibeault |
| 10. Minnesota | Rebecca Hillestead |
| 11. New Jersey | Shyra Bland |
| 12. South Carolina | Mason Harrington |
| 13. South Carolina | Bridget Webb |
| 14. Utah | Sonia Sweeney |
| 15. Virgin Islands | Vaughn Walwyn |
| 16. Vermont | Barbara Joyal |

Guests

1. Carla Fults (AAICPC)
2. Latonya Callaway (DC)
3. Toni Kersh (MS)
4. Kara Laskowski (NH)
5. Claudine Scatliffe-Daniels (VI)
6. Judge Lisa A. Warren (VT)
7. Stacy Darby (US Marshalls Service)
8. Laura Joyner Tierney (US Marshalls Service)

Opening Remarks

- Commission Chair Hunt welcomed everyone to 2022 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles, including those viewing the meeting via the live stream. Voting representatives from 46 of the 52 Compact members were in attendance, as well as 4 ex officio members; 16 Compact office staff; 7 guests; legal counsel; and 5 national office staff. Additionally, she acknowledged Vermont Commissioner Barbara Joyal and Designee Trissie Casanova for hosting the 2022 Annual Business Meeting in Burlington, Vermont.
- Commission Chair Hunt introduced and welcome guest speaker, Judge Lisa A. Warren. Judge Warren began working with juvenile cases in 1995, as a private practice attorney. Since 2003, she has served her community through a wide variety of roles in the legal system, including 14 years as a state attorney where she handled all dockets including the juvenile docket (delinquencies, youthful offender, and CHINS cases). In October 2019, she was appointed to the bench by Governor Phil Scott, handling primarily juvenile and domestic docket until 2021. Now, she is assigned to the Orleans County criminal and domestic dockets.

Welcome Address

- Judge Warren welcomed the Interstate Commission for Juveniles to the State of Vermont. Judge Warren spoke about the importance of communication. She shared how communication resulted in a successful conviction in a human trafficking case

involving a juvenile victim and commended the work of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles.

- Judge Warren applauded the commitment of Commission members working to ensure the safety of youth across the nation and thanked them for the opportunity to participate in the 2022 ICJ Annual Business Meeting.

Agenda

M. Clifton (WY) made a motion to approve the 2022 ABM General Session Agenda as presented. T. Hudrlik (MN) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

J. Regis (DC) made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the 2021 Annual Business Meeting General Session held on October 7, 2021. C. Gordon (MT) seconded. The motion passed.

Keynote Address: ICJ, Race, and Juvenile Justice: Considerations for Promoting Racial Justice by Dr. Maryam Jernigan-Noesi

- Commission Chair Hunt introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Maryam Jernigan-Noesi, a licensed psychologist, educator, and organizational consultant. Dr. Jernigan-Noesi specializes in integrative treatment approaches to address mental health concerns for youth and families, racially and ethnically minoritized individuals, and women. She completed fellowships at Harvard Medical School and Yale University School of Medicine. She is the Director of the Intersections Research Lab, which explores topics related to racial trauma, culturally-responsive assessment and treatment, the social determinants of racial health disparities, social-emotional development, and black maternal health.
- Dr. Jernigan-Noesi shared a wealth of data and information regarding race and juvenile justice, intertwined with her professional and personal experiences. The focus of presentation was the importance of having conversations about the impacts of race. The presentation included a discussion of barriers; how to talk about race; implicit bias; and juvenile justice. She also included references to some of the data from the ICJ data walk earlier this year.
- Attendees were encouraged to reflect on how to engage in a conversation and to recognize their own barriers about race. In closing, she challenged the attendees to “no longer accept the things you cannot change and to change the things you cannot accept.”

{Break 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. ET}

Committee Reports

Executive Committee by Commission Chairperson Tasha Hunt (CT)

- Chair Hunt began her report by sharing how honored she was to serve as the Commission Chair. She thanked the Commission members for their work and support throughout the year. The Commission made great progress this year thanks to the collaborative work of all Compact offices, the Commission’s leaders, committees, regions, and affiliates. As a result, the Commission advanced and achieve its goals and objectives while keeping the Vision, Mission, Values, and Results at the forefront of their actions.
- The Executive Committee met at least once per month between November 2021 and September 2022, which included an extended work session in March 2022 to learn about implementation science and update the Commission’s Strategic Plan.

ICJ Strategic Plan

Chair Hunt presented the Commission's accomplishments over the year under each of the four priorities in the Strategic Plan and provided an update on the initiatives planned through 2025 under each of the four priorities.

PRIORITY 1: Improve Data Systems for Better Outcomes

- The Commission completed its first full year with the UNITY data management system. Each committee and region provided important contributions such as:
 - creating robust reports featuring data visualization, powered by Tableau;
 - providing live, monthly workshops highlighting tips and tricks from practitioners;
 - shifting focus to pro-active monitoring and maintaining healthy data;
 - developing the UNITY National Data Assessment, to substitute for standard performance measurement assessments;
 - conducting the first-ever UNITY data clean-up project;
 - launching the new ICJ Help Desk, to provide ongoing technical support;
 - introducing the new "Best Practice: Direct Entry of Data into UNITY Fields;" and
 - designing blueprints for UNITY enhancements, derived from over 100 requests.
- The Strategic Plan for 2023 – 25 includes continued focus on this priority, through the following initiatives:
 - A. Promote proactive monitoring using UNITY reports.
 - B. Optimize UNITY user experience and effectiveness.

PRIORITY 2: Promote Member Engagement, Leadership Development, and Racial Justice

- Since the summer of 2020, the Commission has worked to implement a three-pronged action plan to support racial justice and leadership development.
- In 2022, the Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice continued their internal procedural justice analysis, which culminated in a robust set of recommendations for next steps.
- The Leadership Exchange Series supported the development of twenty-three (23) current and emerging ICJ leaders, learning together and applying racial equity lenses to their work. Many current and previous Leadership Exchange Series members served in leadership roles this year. The Executive Committee reflected greater diversity of race and experience than ever before.
- The Commission continued to collaborate in the Justice System Partnership for Racial Equity and participated in the first convening of the National Initiative to Advance Race Equity in the Criminal Legal System.
- The Executive Committee also approved several action steps to advance this important work in the years ahead, including creating a standing committee on racial equity; sponsoring members participation in the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Certificate Program at Georgetown University; adopting the "Race Equity & Inclusion Action Guide" by The Annie E. Casey Foundation as a tool to shape the Commission's work; and adopting Juneteenth as a holiday.
- The Strategic Plan for 2023 – 25 includes continued focus on this priority, through the following initiatives:
 - A. Support ICJO leaders in professional development.
 - B. Promote procedural justice in ICJ-related work.

PRIORITY 3: Address Gaps in ICJ Rules and Resources

- The ICJ Rules and related resources are the core of the Commission's work. The Executive Committee provided oversight for the implementation of 14 amendments to the ICJ Rules, which were adopted by the Commission at the 2021 ICJ Annual

Business Meeting. Throughout the year, 192 resources were reviewed and updated where necessary due to impact of the 14 rule amendments.

- In collaboration with other committees, the Executive Committee approved updates to 23 ICJ resources to reflect rule amendments and data system changes.
- The Executive Committee also provided critical input to help enhance online access to ICJ resources, including the ICJ Bench Book for Judges and Court Personnel, advisory opinions, and white papers.
- The Commission's website was updated and refreshed to make it easier for users to find and access resources.
- Lastly, the Executive Committee approved amendments to the following important ICJ Administrative Policies:
 - Training and Technical Assistance (#07-2009)
 - Dues Assessment and Enforcement (#08-2009)
 - Information System Modifications (#02-2020)
 - Commission Forms (#01-2014)
 - The Strategic Plan for 2023 – 25 includes continued focus on this priority, through the following initiatives:
 - A. Expand training resources.
 - B. Enhance web-based resources.
 - C. Leverage UNITY data to improve outcomes.

PRIORITY 4: Leverage Relationships to Promote Awareness & Improve Outcomes

- The Commission's partnership with the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Unit will improve outcomes in the future. In response to a formal request submitted last year, the FBI has agreed to add an "Interstate Compact Offender" field to the NCIC. The new field will make it easier for law enforcement officials to identify both compact-related youth subject to the ICJ and adults subject to the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS). This indicator will be added to the Wanted Person File, Missing Persons File, and Supervised Release File. In addition, the field for bond amount will be transitioned from numeric to alpha-numeric. This will allow the text entry of "not eligible for bond" for ICJ-related youth. Lastly, for missing persons entries, the originating agency identifier (ORI) will receive a message when a juvenile with a populated "Interstate Compact Offender" field reaches the date of emancipation age. This will enable the ORI to determine if the record should be modified or if a wanted person entry should be made.
- Other important collaborations throughout the year included partnering with the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS), The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH), and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).
- The Executive Committee explored principals related to implementation science, and made plans for an evaluation partnership with a university to help assess the quality and outcomes of Commission-related work.
- The Strategic Plan for 2023 – 25 includes continued focus on this priority, through the following initiatives:
 - A. Collaborate with ex officio members and allies.
 - B. Develop evaluation partnership to conduct program assessments and other research.

ICJ Staff Recognitions

- Chair Hunt recognized Paul Fritzler, District Manager from Wyoming and April Simmons, Compact Office Staff from Indiana, who were nominated by their peers this year for going above and beyond the general call of duty to reach a conclusion

or solution that best serves public safety. Both received a certificate and are recognized in the ICJ 2022 Annual Report.

- **E. James (VI) made a motion to accept the Executive Committee Report as presented. F. Dauway (SC) seconded. The motion carried.**

Compliance Committee by Committee Vice Chair Cathy Gordon (MT)

- Vice Chair Cathy Gordon (MT) provided the Compliance Committee Report and acknowledged the Compliance Committee members for their service. The Compliance Committee met on six occasions, including an extended strategic planning meeting in February.
- Vice Chair Gordon reported that on October 8, 2021, the Commission voted to recommend ending the suspension of the enforcement of Sections 400-800 of the ICJ Rules, which took effect in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This recommendation was adopted by the Executive Committee
- During the year, no complaints were filed or handled by the Compliance Committee.
- The Compliance Committee focused on revising and amending the ICJ Performance Measurement Assessment Standards and creating the vision for the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Performance Measurement Assessment. Rather than performing a traditional Performance Measurement Assessment, the Compliance Committee conducted a UNITY National Data Assessment designed to identify nationwide trends, as well as gaps in trainings or the ICJ Rules.
- The UNITY National Data Assessment focused on three standards related to violation reports and returns in Transfer of Supervision cases. States/territories will not receive individual assessment results or reports. Instead, the Compliance Committee will review aggregate data for all states/territories. Therefore, no individual compliance scores will be issued, nor corrective action plans required. After reviewing the national data, the Compliance Committee will identify trends and areas of concern which may result in recommendations to other ICJ committees.
- The Compliance Committee also shifted focus to developing new strategies for proactive monitoring using UNITY and the Tableau reports. Now, each state has immediate access to review state-specific UNITY data reports and respond to the findings. States must no longer wait to the end of the year to have the National Office assess their data.
- The Compliance Committee also monitors State Council formation and meeting requirements. In FY 2022, fifty states/territories reported active State Councils, which indicated continued progress nationwide.
- Lastly, the Compliance Committee reported that all FY22 ICJ dues were received and no compliance action was warranted.
- Vice Chair Gordon extended the Compliance Committee's gratitude to the National Office staff, especially Jenny Adkins and Joe Johnson, who worked tirelessly with the committee to develop the new assessment process and promote ways for states to review their own data trends.
- **J. Niksa (RI) made a motion to accept the Compliance Committee Report as presented. C. Norris (DE) seconded. The motion carried.**

Rules Committee by Committee Chair Stephen Horton (NC)

- Rules Committee Chair Stephen Horton (NC) acknowledged the members of the Rules Committee for their experience and insightful conversations regarding the ICJ Rules.
- The Rules Committee met five times during 2022 to discuss a number of topics pertaining to the ICJ Rules. The first meeting included a training session regarding the ICJ Rules promulgation process. The material was transformed into an on-demand course entitled "Introduction to ICJ Rule Making," and made available via ICJ.TalentLMS.

- The ICJ Rule amendments approved in 2021 went into effect on March 1, 2022. In preparation, two virtual rule amendments trainings were offered in February 2022. One of the sessions was recorded and made available at ICJ.TalentLMS, entitled “2022 Rule Amendments.”
- Proposed rule amendments reviewed in 2022 will be considered for adoption in 2023, including proposed amendments to Rule 1-101 (definition of “relocate”); Rule 4-101; Rule 4-103; and Rule 8-101.
- Other work by the Rules Committee revolved around Rule 7-106 (Transportation); Rule 7-107 (Airport Supervision); Rule 6-103A (Non-Voluntary Return of an Escapee, Absconder or Accused Delinquent); and suggested amendments to the ICJ Form II (Requisition for Escapee, Absconder, or Accused Delinquent).
- The Rules Committee held lengthy discussions regarding issuance of bail by a holding state court, despite the provisions of Rule 7-104 (Warrants), and requested assistance from Legal Counsel, Rick Masters. In August 2022, the Rules Committee recommended a legal advisory opinion regarding the matter to be published for the full Commission. The [Advisory Opinion 01-2022 ICJ Limits on Issuance of Bail by Holding State](#) is now available on the Commission’s website.
- The Rules Committee will continue to meet regularly following the 2022 Annual Business Meeting preparing for next year’s rule proposals. The [Rules Committee’s calendar](#) is published on the Commission’s website. The deadline to submit proposed rule amendments to the Rules Committee is February 28, 2023.
- **S. Jones (MD) made a motion to accept the Rules Committee Report as presented. J. Hawkins (MO) seconded. The motion carried.**

Information Technology Committee by Committee Chair Kellianne Torres (IA)

- The Information Technology Committee (often referred to as the Technology Committee) met nine times throughout the year, in addition to numerous meetings of the Reporting and Data Visualization Subcommittee and the UNITY Enhancements Subcommittee. Chair Kellianne Torres (IA) acknowledged the members of the Technology Committee and the two subcommittee members for their tireless efforts throughout the year.
- The Reporting and Data Visualization Subcommittee worked to audit, update, and develop Tableau reports.
- The UNITY Enhancements Subcommittee analyzed over 100 UNITY enhancement requests and worked through multiple rounds of review and refinement before ultimately presenting the FY 2023 Enhancement Package. Chair Torres shared the UNITY Enhancements Process Timeline, which began in June 2021 and will end in 2023 with the release of the approved recommended enhancements.
- Throughout the year, Technology Committee members assisted with the monthly UNITY workshops featuring live and interactive demonstrations. They also assisted with the “ICJ Rule Amendment Training” presented by the Rules Committee.
- The new Best Practice: [Direct Entry of Data into UNITY Data Fields](#) was developed with input from the Compliance Committee and adopted by the Executive Committee.
- The Technology Committee took action on several items not directly related to UNITY, including approval of three form modifications: Form IX (Quarterly Progress Report), Form IX (Violation Report), and Form II (Requisition for Escapee, Absconder, or Accused Delinquent). Additionally, recommendations were made to the ICJ Administrative Policies 02-2020 and 01-2014 with regard to technology.
- Lastly, the Technology Committee collaborated with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Training Committee to launch and provide training regarding the new ICJ Identification Form and instructions.
- **S. Horton (NC) made a motion to accept the Information Technology Committee Report as presented. T. Frierson (IL) seconded. The motion carried.**

Training, Education & Public Relations Committee by Committee Chair Nate Lawson (OH)

- The Training, Education and Public Relations Committee is commonly referred to as the Training Committee. Committee Chair Lawson acknowledged the members of the committee and reported on the accomplishments in 2022 and the eight (8) meetings.
- During the year there were numerous collaborations resulting in new and updated training publications, training sessions, and on-demand courses. The Commission's learning management system (ICJ.TalentLMS) currently houses more than 35 unique on-demand courses. Over the past year, 1,664 professionals completed a total of 25,204 courses.
- Beginning in January 2022, seven (7) Training Committee members formed a work team. The team worked in tandem with the Commission's Training Specialist to develop content for a new series of ICJ.TalentLMS courses entitled "ICJ in Action." The new series combines information about the ICJ Rules, UNITY, and forms into practical courses by subject matter. The first three courses in this new series are currently available on the ICJ.TalentLMS.
- In February 2022, the Training Committee partnered with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide a virtual training session about the Commission's new Transportation Identification Form. Over 50 persons attended the live training, and the recorded session has been viewed online through ICJ.TalentLMS more than 90 times. The Training Committee collaborated with the Technology Committee to develop and present during live monthly UNITY Workshops.
- With the assistance of the National Office, the Training Committee updated the ICJ Administrative Policy #07-2009 to include specialized Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) and define universal, targeted, and tailored TTA. The Training Committee approved updates of multiple resources due to rule amendments, new best practices, and legal white papers.
- Lastly, the Training Committee assisted with planning the 2022 Annual Business Meeting agenda and training sessions:
 - "On Purpose, On Point: Delivering Effective Presentations," presented by Dr. Mark Nelson;
 - "Prevent and Protection: Taking Action to Combat Human Trafficking," presented by state ICJ Office staff Trissie Casanova (VT), Jessica Wald (ND), Sherry Jones (MD), Nina Belli (OR), and Executive Director Underwood, moderator.
 - "Introduction to the U.S. Marshal Service's Missing Child Unit," presented by Chief Inspector Darby Stacy.
- In the upcoming year, the focus of the Training Committee will shift to maximizing the visibility of available resources, including Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) and the Commission's mentoring program. The Training Committee will also continue development and release of additional "ICJ in Action" courses.
- **J. Niksa (RI) made a motion to approve the Training, Education and Public Relations Committee Report as presented. P. Pendergast (AL) seconded. The motion carried.**

Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice by Co-Chairs Sherry Jones (MD) and Becki Moore (MA)

- Co-Chair Jones (MD) began the Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice Report by sharing background information about the purpose of the ad hoc committee, which was created in 2020. The Interstate Commission for Juveniles was compelled to take action to remedy the long-standing racial injustice that has been highlighted by the killings of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and countless other Black Americans. The Commission recognizes that racial injustice is deeply ingrained in American institutions, particularly in criminal and juvenile justice systems. As a national juvenile justice organization, the Commission is uniquely positioned to serve as a force for positive change. The ad hoc committee's stated purpose is to analyze data regarding ICJ operations, as well as ICJ Rules, policies, and resources

and to make specific recommendations for change to the Commission aimed at promoting racial equity.

- Co-Chair Moore (MA) recognized the members of the 2022 Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice and expressed her appreciation to Co-Chair Jones (MD). The members developed four goals for the year. Actions accomplished under each goal are summarized below.

Goal #1: Training/Best Practice to address racial inequities, implicit bias, & ICJ staff impact

- Action: Engaged Dr. Maryam Jernigan-Noesi to present the 2022 Annual Business Meeting Keynote Address.

Goal #2: Examine data regarding race and runaways

- Action: Reviewed data from ICJ and other juvenile justice sources using a data walk model, in collaboration with ICJ Leadership Exchange Series members, and developed recommendations for FY23-FY25.

Goal #3: Recommend racial equity tool(s)

- Action: Recommended adoption of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's "Race, Equity and Inclusion Guide," which was subsequently adopted by the Executive Committee.

Goal #4: Identify and distribute resources to states via monthly ICJ newsletter

- Action: Resources were included in the "ICJ Updates" monthly newsletter.

- Co-Chair Moore (MA) reported that the ad hoc committee recommended the creation of a standing committee on racial justice. The Executive Committee adopted this recommendation and created the "Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee." In FY23, the new committee will begin to develop strategies to promote diversity awareness and increase equity and inclusion through active learning, collaboration, and partnerships. Additionally, the new committee will review the Commission's data, rules, policies, operations, and resources and make specific recommendations to promote equity and procedural justice.
- Co-Chair Jones (MD) expanded on the recommendations for FY 23-25 related to home evaluations; violation reports; returns, and human trafficking. The Executive Committee approved recommendations are detailed in the *2022 ICJ Annual Business Meeting Docket Book*.
- **J. Hall (FL) made a motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice Report as presented. C. Gordon (MT) seconded. The motion carried.**

{Recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m. ET}

{Re-convened at 2:30 p.m. ET}

Finance Committee Report by Committee Chair Corrie Copeland (TN); Committee Vice Chair Dale Dodd (NM); and Commission Treasurer Sherry Jones (MD)

- Finance Committee Chair Copeland recognized and expressed her appreciation to the ICJ Finance Committee members for their commitment and fiscal responsibility. The work of the ICJ Finance Committee includes the review of expenditures, investments, and financial reports to ensure the budget adequately addresses the Commission's ongoing needs.
- By the end of FY22, all payments for the development of the UNITY data system had been made. Though the Commission initially planned to fund the development of the system by withdrawing funds from the long-term investment account, it was not necessary to do so. This was possible due careful fiscal management and the reallocation of funds that were not spent as initially planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Finance Committee updated the "ICJ Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual."

- The Finance Committee recommended, and the Executive Committee approved a one-time increase in the airline reimbursement rate from \$550 to \$800 to accommodate the increased airfare to travel to the 2022 Annual Business Meeting.
- The Finance Committee spent months discussing ICJ dues and how to adjust to ensure the long-term financial security of the Commission. Commission members' annual dues are the only source of revenue for the operation of the Commission. Dues enable the Commission to provide resources to support each member state/territory, which includes:
 - Annual Business Meetings;
 - Training and Technical Support;
 - Training for New Staff;
 - Legal Support;
 - Compliance Support and Oversight;
 - Online Training and Resources;
 - Promulgation of Rules;
 - Facilitation of Standing Committees and Regions;
 - The Commission's Website; and
 - The National Data Tracking/Management System.
- Chair Copeland noted that underfunding the Commission would significantly impact Compact offices.
- Significant cost reduction strategies have been implemented over the years. In 2016, the Commission disaffiliated from the Council of State Governments (CSG) and the National Office staff took on more duties. The Commission decided to use the cost savings to fund the development of a new data system and support an additional staff person to implement and manage the new system. Over the last years, the Commission moved to a more cost-effective software platform for web-based meetings and online training. Last year, costs were reduced by downsizing of the National Office space and a reduction in mailing, shipping, and printing.
- During the "ICJ Dues Update Question and Answer Session" in September, state ICJ Office representatives suggested additional reductions. These included: a reduction the number of in-person meetings; limited UNITY enhancements in non-rule-making years; and a reduction in use of consultants for leadership development, racial justice work, and program evaluation.
- Finance Committee Chair Copeland indicated that the suggestions were evaluated. Even if all cost-reduction strategies suggested were implemented, the Commission's expenses would continue to grow due to inflation, and expenses would exceed income. Therefore, it is imperative to plan for the future and move forward with a plan for a dues increase.
- Finance Committee Chair Copeland explained the process whereby the ICJ dues tiers are recalculated every five years in accordance with the ICJ Rule 2-101. The results of the 2024 recalculation for the next five years were 45 states remaining in the same tier; 4 states shifted to a lower tier; and 3 states shifted to a higher tier. The tier information was emailed directly to the Commission members. An overview was included in the Docket Book.
- Treasurer Jones updated on the balance of the Commission's investment accounts, as well as the impact of the economy and volatile stock market.
- Treasurer Jones reported the Commission once again had a clean audit. A summary from the auditor is provided in the *2022 Annual Report*.
- She presented the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Budgets, and the recommended Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, which included the recommended 35 percent dues increase. She explained that the Commission would first vote regarding adjustment to dues, and then return to the proposed budget for approval.
- Finance Committee Vice Chair Dodd presented the ICJ dues recommendation from the Finance and Executive Committees. The Finance Committee talked at length about how to

adjust dues rates in order to keep up with inflation. The current dues rates were established in 2008 and have not been increased since.

- He shared a slide that demonstrated how the Commission's expenses have grown over the last 5 years. In the early years, the Commission had a surplus each year, which was transferred to the long-term investment fund. Though projected operating expenses first exceeded dues income in FY 2019, the Commission has been able to postpone increasing dues through implementing cost-savings measures. Furthermore, costs were significantly reduced during the height of the global COVID-19 pandemic due to the cancelation of in-person meetings.
- With the return to in-person meetings in FY 2023, operating expenses will exceed dues income. It is imperative to adjust dues rates to sustain the Commission in the future. Additionally, he shared a slide that demonstrated an overview of projected expenses for the next 5 years based on 3-5% inflation.
- Finance Committee Vice Chair Dodd reported that the Finance Committee reviewed numerous options for adjusting dues, then narrowed the focus to two options: (1) an across-the-board increase of 35%; (2) a progressive increase of 15% the first year, then 5.25% each year thereafter. The across the board 35% increase was recommended because some state fiscal directors indicated it would be easier to budget for a consistent number rather than one that increases gradually.
- S. Horton (NC) asked whether a motion for the progressive dues option would be considered if a motion for the recommended 35% dues increase failed. Chair Hunt explained that the Commission will first consider whether to adopt the Finance Committee's recommendation to adjust the ICJ dues by 35%. If that motion is not adopted, the Commission will consider an alternative proposal.
- **P. Pendergast (AL) made a motion to approve the recommended ICJ Dues Adjustment by 35 percent. F. Dauway (SC) seconded. The motion passed by a 35-11-0 vote.**
- Chair Hunt opened the floor for a motion to adopt the Finance Committee's recommendation for the FY 2024 Budget presented.
- **C. Copeland (TN) made a motion to approve the recommended proposed FY 2024 Budget as presented. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion passed by a 41-3-2 vote.**
- Chair Hunt thanked Finance Committee Chair Copeland, Vice Chair Dale Dodd (NM), and Treasurer Sherry Jones (MD) for their presentations, and opened the floor for a motion to accept the Finance Committee Report.
- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to accept the Finance Committee Report as presented. C. Frieberg (SD) seconded. The motion passed.**

Recognitions

- Chair Hunt recognized the importance of the ex officio affiliates, as well as their collaborations and involvement with the Commission. She recognized those attending the 2022 Annual Business Meeting:
 - American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), represented by Veronica Cunningham;
 - Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC), represented by Kara Buxton;
 - Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA), represented by Steven P. LaFreniere;
 - Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS), represented by Dale Crook;
- She also noted that two ex officio members who were unable to attend were viewing the live stream:
 - Victims Representative Nataki Brown; and

- National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, represented New Jersey Judge David Katz.
- Chair Hunt recognized Commission Vice Chair Nina Belli (OR) for her tremendous work throughout the year. She specifically noted her work with COVID precautions planning for the annual meeting; her willingness to lead the Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the Chair; her significant contributions as a member of the Finance Committee; and mostly recently her representation as the ICJ Ex Officio during the ICAOS 2022 Annual Business Meeting in New York City.
- Vice Chair Belli recognized Commission Chair Tasha Hunt for her leadership and dedication to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. Her commitment and vision to the work of the Commission made it a pleasure to serve as vice chairperson.
- Chair Hunt presented the 2022 ICJ Leadership Award to Judy Miller, ICJ Designee for the State of Arkansas. Ms. Miller is a dedicated employee of her state's ICJ Office and a faithful supporter of the Commission. She has served on numerous committees over the years, including the Rules Committee and the Information Technology Committee. Her writing and grammar skills are unmatched. There is no other person in the Compact that has served as long or as faithfully.

{Break 3:20 – 3:30 p.m. ET}

East Region Report by Becki Moore (MA)

- East Region Representative B. Moore (MA) reported the East Region met four times. She thanked the members for the opportunity to serve and acknowledged Trissie Casanova (VT) for her willingness to serve as the alternate regional representative during her tenure.
- During the East Region meetings, the members regularly provided updates on the work of their respective committees in addition to any state-specific updates.
- The East Region discussed best practices and other important issues during the Strategies Roundtable. Topics discussed throughout the year and subsequent results included:
 - When does the clock start for “detention” or “custody”?
 - Resulting in a legal memorandum
 - Cases involving juveniles identified as “Children in Need of Services” (CHINS)
 - Runaways and after-hours procedures
 - Resulting in an “After-Hours Protocol for East Region States” resource
 - Detention of juveniles over 18 who identify as non-binary
 - ICJ violation reports not accepted for court purposes due to hearsay rule
 - Transfer of supervision for Youthful Offenders – juvenile or adult compact?
- Representative Moore announce that Caitlyn Bickford (NH) was elected as the East Regional Representative for 2023-2024.
- **S. Jones (MD) made a motion to accept the East Regional Report as presented. T. Casanova (VT) seconded. The motion passed.**

Midwest Region Report by Chuck Frieberg (SD)

- Midwest Region Representative C. Frieberg (SD) reported the Midwest Region held four meetings since the last Annual Business.
- The Midwest Region discussed issues and topics of interest. In South Dakota, a local Judge took issue with holding a runaway youth in secure detention. Another issue discussed was how states handle requisitions when parents refuse to sign the requisition.
- The Midwest Region was updated by the regional members on the work of their respective committees.
- The Midwest Region was well represented on the Executive Committee in 2022.

- Personnel changes in the Midwest include:
 - In Michigan, Roy Yapple (MI) retired, and Michael Tymkew (MI) was appointed as the new ICJ Commissioner.
 - In Ohio, Nate Lawson (OH) transferred to a new position in Ohio, and the appointment of a new ICJ Commissioner is expected soon.
- Representative Frieberg shared he enjoyed serving as the Midwest Region Representative the past two years and looks forward to another two years, announcing he was re-elected for another 2-year term.
- **K. Torres (IA) made a motion to accept the Midwest Regional Report as presented. N. Belli (OR) seconded. The motion passed.**

South Region Report by Daryl Liedecke (TX)

- South Region Representative D. Liedecke (TX) reported a productive year meeting four times.
- The South Region was well represented this year on the various ICJ committees and work groups. Several states experienced staff turnover when staff left to pursue other positions. The South is happy to welcome back Jean Hall as the Florida ICJ Commissioner.
- Many state ICJ offices saw a return to part-time or full-time office work after a year or more of working remote. Most states have reported inadequate staffing in their probation and parole departments, which has led to delays and difficulties in completing the work of the ICJ.
- Lastly, Representative Liedecke announced that Felicia Dauway (SC) was elected to serve as the South Region Representative for the next two years.
- **C. Copeland (TN) made a motion to accept the South Regional Report as presented. P. Pendergast (AL) seconded. The motion passed.**

West Region Report by Michael Farmer (CA)

- West Region Representative M. Farmer (CA) reported the West Region met four times since the last Annual Business Meeting and acknowledged Commissioner Dodd of New Mexico for serving as the West Region alternate regional representative for the year.
- The West Region received updates regularly from the committees regarding their work. There was regular discussion about the implementation of UNITY, user functionality, enhancements, Tableau reporting, and returning to an in-person Annual Business Meeting.
- Member updates continued to focus on the impact of COVID-19 on the operations of state ICJ offices, as well as, probation and parole offices.
- A small work group of region members developed a survey on strategies for coping with limited detention options for non-delinquent runaways.
- Additionally, recommendations were made regarding access to resources and search functionality on the Commission's website. He acknowledged the work of the Idaho Compact office for drafting a resource that would cross-reference ICJ and ICJ Rules.
- The West Region state staff changes included:
 - Howard Wykes appointed as a full-time Designee for Arizona;
 - Nina Belli appointed as Commissioner for Oregon;
 - Guillermo Viera Rosa appointed as Commissioner for California;
 - Nevada welcomed new and former staff back to its ICJ office;
 - Robert Heide was recently appointed as Commissioner for Alaska;
 - Summer Foxworth announced she will retire in November as Colorado's Commissioner; and
 - Utah is in the process of a new Commissioner appointment.
- Representative Farmer announced that Howard Wykes from Arizona was elected to serve as the West Region's Representative for the next two years. Representative Farmer

expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to have served as the regional representative the last two years.

- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to accept the West Regional Report as presented. H. Wykes (AZ) seconded. The motion passed**

Legal Counsel Report

- Richard L. Masters, updated on the responsibilities of the ICJ Legal Counsel. He provides legal counsel as requested by the Executive Director, attends all the Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Rules and Compliance Committee meetings, as requested.
- The General Counsel's Office, in conjunction with the Executive Director, issues advisory opinions concerning the interpretation and application of various provisions of the Compact and its administrative rules and assists with informal requests for legal guidance from member states, as well as dispute resolutions under applicable ICJ Rules.
- R. Masters reported that in 2022, no compliance actions were necessary.
- Since the 2021 Annual Business Meeting, two new legal advisory opinions were released:
 - [#04-2021](#), provides that when a home state judge has entered a requisition for the non-voluntary return of a youth, the holding state judge cannot refuse to take action on the requisition under the ICJ based on the fact that there are no active missing persons record for the youth in NCIC.
 - [#01-2022](#), addresses whether a judge in a holding state has the authority to issue bond or bail on an ICJ case from another state.
- Most recently, a legal memo was issued to the East Region in response, to their request regarding what triggers the start of "detainment" regarding the release of non- delinquent runaways under ICJ Rule 6-101.
- **P. Pendergast (AL) made a motion to accept the Legal Counsel Report as presented. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. The motion passed.**

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Call to the Public

There was no response.

2023 Officer Elections

2023 Commission Chair

- Chair Hunt presented the nominee for the position of Commission Chairperson: Nina Belli (OR) and opened the floor for other nominations.
- There were none.
- **C. Copeland (TN) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Chairperson. F. Bianco (NY) seconded. The motion carried.**
- N. Belli (OR) addressed the Commission, thanking them for their vote of confidence and expressing her commitment to work together for the good of the Commission.
- Chair Hunt (CT) announced Nina Belli (OR) was elected as the new Commission Chairperson by acclamation.

2023 Commission Vice Chair

- Chair Hunt presented the nominee for the position of Commission Vice Chairperson: Julie Hawkins (MO) and opened the floor for other nominations.

- There were none.
- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion carried.**
- J. Hawkins (MO) addressed the Commission sharing her long tenure with the Commission and knowledge of the Compact and willingness to work with everyone.
- Chair Hunt (CT) announced Julie Hawkins (MO) was elected as the new Commission Vice Chair by acclamation.

2023 Commission Treasurer

- Chair Hunt presented the nominee for the position of Commission Treasurer: Sherry Jones (MD) and opened the floor for other nominations.
 - There were none.
 - **J. Hall (FL) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Treasurer. C. Norris (DE) seconded. The motion carried.**
 - S. Jones (MD) addressed the Commission, thanking them for their continued support and confidence in her as Treasurer for a second year. She will continue to advocate for financial transparency for the Commission.
 - Chair Hunt (CT) announced Sherry Jones (MD) was elected as the 2023 Commission Treasurer by acclamation.
- Commissioner Chair Hunt asked the newly elected officers to come forward. The Oath of Office was administered to the Commission's 2023 Officers by Rick Masters, Legal Counsel,.
 - Chair Hunt passed the gavel to the newly-elected Chair Nina Belli (OR).
 - Newly-elected Chair Belli announced the 2024 ICJ Annual Business Meeting (ABM) will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 25-27, 2024.

Adjourn

S. Jones (MD) made a motion to adjourn the 2022 ICJ General Session. T. Frierson (IL) seconded the motion. Chair N. Belli (OR) adjourned the meeting without objection by acclamation @ 4:06 p.m. ET.



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2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The year began in September 2022, when our Commission met in person for the first time in two years at the Annual Business Meeting in Burlington, Vermont. It was wonderful to see and reconnect with everyone again. I would like to thank this Commission for entrusting me as your Commission Chair. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity, as it has allowed me to see things from different perspectives, as well as granted me the opportunity to work alongside amazing colleagues on this Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is responsible for acting on behalf of the Commission when it is not in session, therefore we met twelve times throughout this past year. We worked hard and diligently tackled not only matters pertaining to this Commission, but worked together on the Strategic Plan initiatives that we mapped out for Fiscal Year 2023. The theme for this year was collaboration between the Committees in an effort to complete the ambitious list of activities. As we know, teamwork is one of the building blocks that lies at the heart of this Compact.

Many of the collaborations and advancements attained by the Commission will be discussed in further detail in the other Committee reports. Therefore, I would like to highlight the progress made by the Executive Committee and within our ICJ Strategic Plan that took place over the course of the past year.

Priority 1: Improve Data Systems for Better Outcomes

As this Commission continues to integrate with the UNITY data management system, the Executive Committee worked closely with various Committees to ensure a successful utilization of UNITY and its data to enable better outcomes of our users. Throughout the year the Information Technology Committee and Compliance Committee worked alongside one another to ensure the initiatives for this priority were accomplished.

In April 2023, the Compliance Committee launched the Proactive Monitoring Program that promotes the safety of juveniles and communities by empowering states to proactively monitor UNITY data while operationalizing the ICJ Rules. This approach uses tools such as generating and distributing Tableau reports to ICJ Offices related to compliance and scheduled UNITY data maintenance which helped to ensure clean data and accurate reports. In conjunction with the Proactive Monitoring Program, the Information Technology Committee rolled out a series of UNITY Enhancements in three phases starting in June 2023. These enhancements optimize UNITY users experience and effectiveness.

I would like to thank the Information Technology Committee, including Chair Kellianne Torres (IA) and Vice Chair Roy Curtis (ME), along with the Compliance Committee, including Chair Jacey Rader (NE) and Vice Chair Cathy Gordon (MT), and the following work teams: UNITY 2023 Enhancements, Tableau Data Visualization and Reports, UNITY Workflow Diagrams, and UNITY



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Maintenance. These Committees and work teams spent countless hours working to ensure these initiatives were executed in a manner that made onboarding easy, accessible, and informative. Their contributions have improved the efficiency and productivity of not only the UNITY database, but also for ICJ Offices, as it will assist them in monitoring case trends and timeframes, as well as improve data consistency, reporting, and analysis.

Priority 2: Promote Racial Justice and Leadership Development

The Commission applied strategies this year to promote racial justice and leadership development as a way to cultivate a culture of mutual respect that educates, advocates, engages, and empowers members of this Commission. I am pleased to report, this year various Committees worked and collaborated with one another to elevate racial justice in ICJ-related work and help ensure racial diversity, equitable outcomes and experiences for all juveniles served by the Compact and all parties in the Compact.

Committees also worked on the recommendations from last year's Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice which involved further analysis of Rule amendment proposals, practices, and trainings. I would like to take this opportunity to mention that this was the first year for the standing Committee on Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) who started right out of the gate by leading many of these efforts while establishing their Committee's goals. Their hard work led to the Executive Committee approving the publication of a Best Practice titled, [*Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families*](#). I would like to thank all of the Committees for incorporating the importance of DEI into our commission's work, especially the Racial DEI Committee, lead by Chair Sherry Jones (MD) and Vice Chair Mike Casey (DE).

Another initiative accomplished was increasing the Commission's understanding and use of implementation science. In March 2023, the Executive Committee had the opportunity to meet in Lexington, Kentucky for the annual face-to-face meeting. During this time, we participated in implementation science training conducted by Glenn Tapia from the [*Alliance for Community and Justice Innovation \(ACJI\) Institute*](#). The training was geared specifically towards how to apply implementation science within this Commission. The skills and tools obtained in this training will help further our Commission's knowledge and application of implementation science. It will assist us in our communication strategies, and with getting feedback and developing evaluation plans. This will also allow us to assess if what we are doing is working, whether there are any barriers, how effective it was, and ways we can improve. In FY24, the Executive Committee will continue to explore opportunities to further advance professional development for Commission leaders within the field of implementation science.

The Executive Committee looked for additional ways to promote and further recognize the hard work, and dedication that Compact Offices across the country display on a daily basis. The Executive Committee approved two new awards, the Legacy Award and the Rising Star Award that will annually recognize new and veteran ICJ office staff. In addition, we updated the ICJ



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Nominations and Elections Process to eliminate the timeframe for members to express interest in serving as a Committee Chair or Vice Chair.

Priority 3: Addressing Gaps in Rules and Resources

The ICJ Rules and our resources serve as essential components of our Commission's work. The Executive Committee along with other Committees worked to fill the void seen in resources by expanding existing resources to help better serve the state's compact offices. The Rules Committee continued to analyze and draft proposals of the Rules for clarification and consistency while providing guidance, and assistance to Committees and Regions on their proposals. I would like to thank the Rules Committee, including Chair Stephen Horton (NC) and Vice Chair Caitlyn Bickford (NH) on their great work this year's Rule proposals and amendments.

In regard to Commission resources, I am pleased to report that the Executive Committee approved the publication of the revised [*Bench Book for Judges and Court Personnel*](#). This was quite the undertaking, as this was the biggest revision done to the *Bench Book* in 15 years. The new revised *Bench Book* serves as a valuable resource and has been distributed nationwide. Additional ways to further its distribution and formulate training of its contents are being explored. I had the privilege of working on this project with a group of individuals whose knowledge and skills brought valuable perspective and guidance. I would like to thank Vice Chair Julie Hawkins (MO), Chief Legal Counsel Rick Masters, Executive Director MaryLee Underwood, and Operations and Policy Specialist Jennifer Adkins from the National Office for their assistance and dedication as we tackled this endeavor.

In December 2022, the UNITY National Data Assessment results on core standards compiled by the Compliance Committee were reviewed and approved for publication by the Executive Committee. These results included recommendations to several Committees in the areas of training, technology, and rules analysis. The Executive Committee approved two related publications from the Compliance Committee: Training Bulletin on [*Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation*](#) and an update to the Best Practice on [*Intrastate Relocations*](#). Action on additional recommendations is pending.

The Executive Committee also approved publication of the West Region's toolkit titled, [*Returns and Child Welfare: Collaborating to Safely Return Runaways when Abuse is Reported*](#). The Executive Committee developed and published an [*After-Hours Matrix*](#) to serve as a resource for on-call responders who come in contact with an out of state juvenile outside of regular business hours. These resources will assist state Compact offices, courts, law enforcement, child welfare agencies, and other stakeholders who work within juvenile justice and are available on the Commission's website.

The Committees expanded resources for the Commission as part of our Strategic Plan initiatives by producing various trainings, resources and materials for Compact offices and field staff. I would like to thank all of the Committees for their work on creating these resources for this Commission,



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especially the Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee, including Chair Corrie Copeland (TN) and Vice Chair Natalie Dalton (VA). The Training Committee provided us with beneficial trainings at this year's Annual Business Meeting and developed several trainings and resources that were launched and distributed nationwide.

During FY23, the Finance Committee monitored the Commission's budget and fiscal practices, and ensured these activities within our Strategic Plan had the appropriate funds to be carried out. As a result of their fiscal oversight, the Executive Committee approved their Committee's revisions to the ICJ [Travel Reimbursement Policy](#) and our [Investment Policy](#). Thank you to the Finance Committee, including Chair Dale Dodd (NM) and Vice Chair Pat Pendergast (AL), for keeping us in good financial standing.

Priority 4: Leverage Relationships to Promote Awareness and Improve Outcomes

The Executive Committee examined new avenues of collaboration in the field of justice system partnerships while maintaining our relationships with our stakeholders and ex officios, including but not limited to: [The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges \(NCJFCJ\)](#), the [Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision \(ICAOS\)](#), [The National Partnership for Juvenile Services \(NPJS\)](#), and the [American Probation and Parole Association \(APPA\)](#). In addition, members of the Executive Committee along with Executive Director MaryLee Underwood, presented a webinar on ICJ for members of the [Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators \(CJJA\)](#). Several Commission members also conducted ICJ trainings or represented ICJ at national conferences throughout the year which led to further promotion of ICJ and granted network opportunities for future collaboration projects.

Conclusion

Saying this year was a productive year is an understatement as we looked back at the impressive work that was accomplished and produced. Strides were made within the Commission in the areas of promoting racial justice, leadership development, implementation science, training resources, UNITY, and Rule proposals. I am pleased to report that we completed numerous objectives on our Strategic Plan placing us in a good position as we head into FY24. I am looking forward to seeing the continuation of this work as we take this Commission to new heights.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Office for the continual support you have provided to the Executive Committee. All of you work hard to assist us with project management, problem-solving, preparation and facilitation of meetings and resources. Also, thank you to our Legal Counsel Rick Masters who is always willing to lend a hand along with a legal rational or an advisory opinion to assist us in any challenge that comes our way.

I would also like to thank Vice Chair Julie Hawkins (MO), Immediate Past Chair Tasha Hunt (CT) and Treasurer Sherry Jones (MD). I am fortunate to have served alongside you in this important work. You all exemplify the definition of teamwork as you embody the spirit of this Compact.



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As I conclude my report, I want to thank all of you for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your Chair. It has truly been a privilege for me. Words cannot express my gratitude towards all of you for your dedication not only to this Commission but to the juveniles, their families, and the communities that we serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nina Belli
Commission Chairperson
Commissioner, Oregon

ICJ STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Priorities	Activities
1: Improve UNITY for better outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive Monitoring Program promoted data maintenance and automated reports to improve outcomes 23 UNITY enhancements improved workflows, case management, and presentation of information
2: Promote leadership development & racial justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Best Practice on Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families</i> published Rule amendment addressing Mandatory Acceptance proposed to ensure equity Implementation Science Training provided for Executive Committee members and staff Legacy and Rising Star Awards introduced to honor outstanding contributions
3: Address gaps in ICJ Rules and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training opportunities and resources expanded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>ICJ in Action LMS series</i> combined training on ICJ Rules, UNITY, and effective practices <i>Wednesday Workshops</i> delivered similar content via live trainings, with materials and recordings posted online <i>ICJ Training</i> (comprehensive presentation) upgraded for state ICJ offices <i>Effective Strategies for In-State Training</i> workshop at 2023 ABM Additional resources developed to support ICJ Rules and operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bench Book for Judges and Court Personnel, 10th Edition</i> <i>Toolkit on Child Welfare & Returns</i> and <i>ICJ & Child Welfare Collaborations</i> panel discussion at 2023 ABM <i>Best Practice on TOS Communication Guidelines for Local Authorities with Juveniles/Family Members</i> <i>Best Practice on Direct Entry of Data into UNITY Data Fields</i> <i>UNITY Spotlight</i> newsletter and <i>ICJ Help Desk</i> <i>ICJ Website Resource Index</i> <i>After Hours Information Matrix</i> (webpage) UNITY National Data Assessment results propelled efforts to ensure quality and consistency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Training Bulletin on Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation</i> published <i>Best Practice on Intrastate Relocations</i> updated Rule amendment addressing Failed Supervision proposed Rule amendment process executed to prepare proposals for 2023 ABM
4: Leverage relationships to promote awareness and improve outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraged relationships with Ex Officio Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bench Book</i> distributed in collaboration with NCJFCJ, COSCA, APA, CJJA, and APPA Webinar for juvenile justice leaders presented in collaboration with CJJA Workshop on <i>Runaways and Detention</i> developed for NPJS Symposium Developed relationships with Alliance for Criminal Justice Innovation; National Children's Advocacy Center; National Runaway Safeline; National Center for Missing & Exploited Children; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Administration for Children and Families; and U.S. Marshals Service/Missing Child Unit

Staff Recognition

Staff Recognition recipients are nominated by their peers for going above and beyond the general call of duty to reach a conclusion or solution that best serves public safety.

The following individuals were nominated for a Staff Recognition award since the 2022 Annual Business Meeting:

Debra Devine Holbomb, Compact Office Staff - Arkansas
Gladys Olivares Altamirano, Deputy Compact Administrator - Nevada
Raymond "Chip" Tashjian, Compact Office Staff - New York Probation

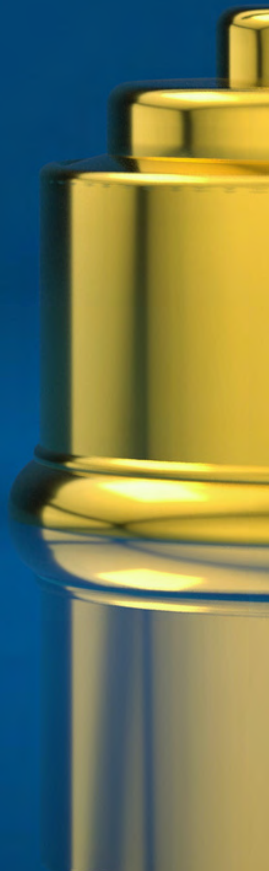
Click on the recipients' names to learn more!



Leadership Award

The recipient of this award exhibits outstanding leadership skills and dedication to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles through extraordinary service. This individual is a Commissioner, Designee, Compact Administrator, Deputy Compact Administrator, or compact coordinator who:

1. Promotes the mission, vision, and values of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles;
2. Demonstrates expertise in the successful movement of juveniles;
3. Actively supports the Interstate Commission for Juveniles by attending meetings, holding offices, or faithfully carrying out designed duties;
4. Has over two years of devoted service to the administration of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles;
5. Collaborates and communicates effectively with other Compact professionals;
6. Uses strategies for ensuring public safety; and
7. Suggests innovative policies or procedures to improve Interstate Compact operations.



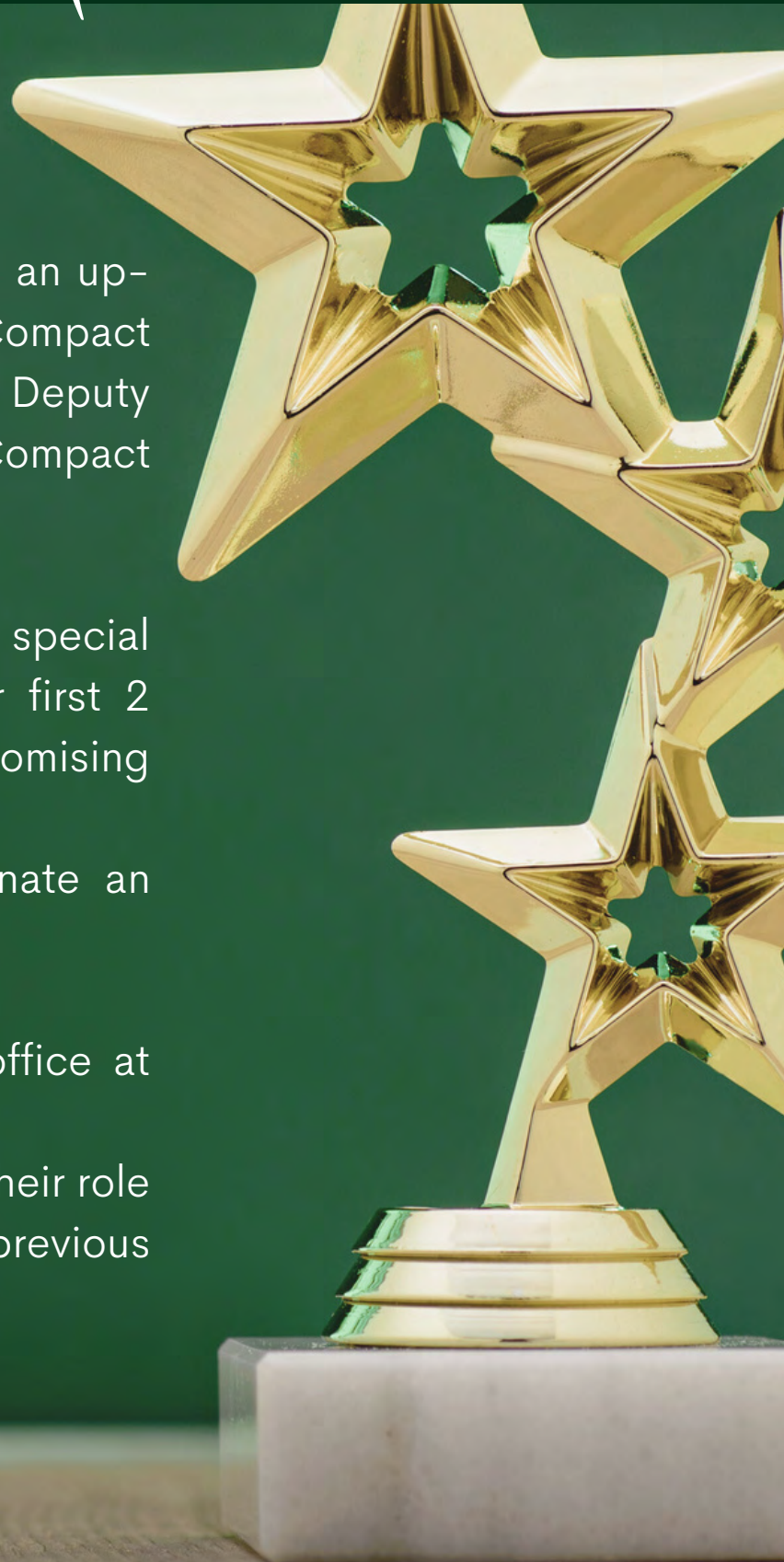
Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award recognizes an up-and-coming ICJ Commissioner, Compact Administrator, Designee, Deputy Compact Administrator, or Compact Office staff member.

This individual has demonstrated special ability or leadership during their first 2 years and shows evidence of a promising future in the field.

Commission members may nominate an individual who:

1. Is employed in a state ICJ office at the time of nomination, and
2. Was hired or transferred into their role at the ICJ Office during the previous 2 years.





Legacy Award

The ICJ Legacy Award recognizes Commissioners, Compact Administrators, Deputy Compact Administrators, Designees, and Compact Office Staff who have worked in a state Compact office for 15 or more years. The new award will be introduced at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting to commemorate the Commission's 15th anniversary.

The following individuals are recognized:

Jennifer Baer – Idaho
Amanda Behe – Pennsylvania
Dale Dodd – New Mexico
Cheryl F. Frost – South Dakota
Julie Hawkins – Missouri
Debra Devine Holcomb – Arkansas
Jovay Jackson – Arizona
Sherry Jones – Maryland
Holly Kassube – Illinois Probation
Judy Miller – Arkansas
Natalie (Primak) Mwaniki – Pennsylvania
Nita Wright – Indiana



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2023 COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In FY 23, the Compliance Committee met on five occasions. During 2023, the Compliance Committee focused on two areas:

1. Delivering the findings of the UNITY Data Assessment while supporting the Commission in the implementation of the recommendations.
2. Supporting the initial implementation of Commission-wide proactive monitoring tools. In FY 23, no formal complaints have been filed or handled by the Compliance Committee.

In the Fall of 2022, the Compliance Committee turned their attention to delivering the Executive Summaries related to the three measured compliance standards from the completed UNITY National Data Assessment. As a reminder, the Assessment looked at the following (standard in italics and the key findings nested below)

- *Standard A-03: Sending States shall respond to a report of violation, to include action to be taken by the sending state and the date the action will occur, no later than 10 business days following receipt. Rule 5-103(2)*
 - **When reviewing the standard related to 5-103(2), it takes an average of 7 business days for a Sending State to respond to a violation report, though 21% of cases did not contain any response to the violation report.**
- *Standard B-03: As it applies to Rule 5-103(3)(d), when Sending States determine a violation requires retaking, it shall return the juvenile within 5 business days.*
 - **Following a violation requiring retaking, it takes sending states 16 days on average to return the juvenile, and 91% of cases reviewed exceeded the 5-business day return requirement.**
- *B-04: When a juvenile is not residing with a legal guardian and that person requests the juvenile be removed from his/her home, the sending state shall secure alternative living arrangements within five (5) business days or the juvenile shall be returned. Rule 5-103(4)(b)*
 - **The Assessment determined it took an average of 6 business days for a Sending State to respond to a violation report and an average of 13 business days to return the juvenile. In short, just 25% of cases met the ICJ Rule return timeframe.**

In response to these findings, the Compliance Committee made several recommendations to the Executive Committee, including collaborating with the Technology Committee and the Rules Committee to propose a rule amendment to extend the return timeframe due to Failed Supervision; the creation and amendments of Best Practices/Training Bulletins on Violations Reports, Failed Supervision, and Intrastate Relations; and developed recommendations related to UNITY functionality for Failed Supervision and Violation Reports.



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In December of 2022, a resource sharing the findings of the UNITY Data Assessment, along with the approved recommendations was shared with the full Commission.

As 2023 began, the Compliance Committee continued our close partnerships with the Technology Committee and the Executive Committee to kick-off the Proactive Data Monitoring initiative. As you may recall, this allows for states to monitor their own data trends in specific areas and supports them in determining how often and to what extent they will review their own data and respond to those findings immediately.

Our initial areas of emphasis with Proactive Data Monitoring included Home Evaluations and Quarterly Progress Reports. Because of UNITY, states have immediate access to their own data about compliance with ICJ Rules. So, it is no longer necessary to wait to the end of the year to have the National Office assess the data. States can review it at any time and provide support to your locals, adjust policies and internal practices, and create internal systems of checks and balances! Maybe for your state, this looks like sending reminders in advance of a Home Evaluation due date or checking in with your locals as Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) dates approach. Some states provide their locals with lists of upcoming QPR dates so they can schedule time to submit them!

In February of 2023, we received a Proactive Monitoring Calendar and Checklist and this spring, each state began receiving Tableau reports outlining performance related to both Home Evaluations and Quarterly Progress Reports.

I am pleased to report that Proactive Monitoring has resulted in a slight increase in our performance, nationwide, specifically in the area of Home Evaluations.

Below are some details:

- Pre-program averages (Jan-March 2023)
 - Quarterly Progress Reports—98%
 - Home Evaluations—92%
- Five Month Program Average (April-August 2023)
 - Quarterly Progress Reports—98%
 - Home Evaluations—94%

While these are Commission-wide averages, the Proactive Monitoring Program also provided the Compliance Committee and the National Office with details about individual states who might need targeted support and/or technical assistance, allowing for states to intervene internally before a matter becomes a formal compliance concern.

The final area of concentration for the Compliance Committee is supporting members in forming their State Councils. This year, the Compliance Committee focused on determining the reasons states may be struggling with the formation of their State Councils. Historically, the Compliance Committee has partnered with the Training Committee to create toolkits and developed training initiatives. This year, instead of providing generalized technical assistance to states without



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established State Councils, the Compliance Committee decided to create opportunities for dialogue in one-on-one conversations about what might be most helpful for states and what resources might be desired so that an individualized approach might be taken. I am pleased to report that at least one of the three impacted states has a fully formed and appointed State Council, while the other states continue to work toward this goal.

I am pleased to report that all FY 23 dues were received and no actions were required by the Compliance Committee. Currently the collection of FY 24 Dues is in progress. One state exceeded the 120-calendar due date and actions were taken in accordance with the [Dues Enforcement Policy](#).

I am grateful to the members of the Compliance Committee for their perseverance and creativity, for continuing to shift the lens and ask ourselves how we can be a partner and a resource to the Commission and support Commission members to ensure our collective success. Our focus on implementing the recommendations of the Data Assessment and continuing to support the Proactive Monitoring efforts have made a true difference in the Commission, elevating issues that need additional attention and empowering states to adjust and continue to be good neighbors! While many of the Compliance Committee members were new to our work, they were steadfast and dedicated to supporting the work of our Commission, and I am honored to work with this group of professionals again this year.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work of the National Office, especially Jenny Adkins and Joe Johnson, who have worked diligently with our committee to implement our initiatives, support our partnerships with other committees and innovate to better the whole Commission.

Finally, I want to extend my gratitude to Kellianne Torres, the Chair of the Technology Committee, for her unwavering commitment to helping the Compliance Committee take the next steps in our recommendations from the UNITY National Data Assessment. Her leadership and support, as both a member of the Compliance Committee and the Chair of the Technology Committee has been instrumental in helping us ensure our rules, practices, and our technology reflect the findings of the Data Assessment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacey R. Rader
Compliance Committee Chair
Commissioner, Nebraska



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2023 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The [ICJ Finance Committee](#) met 4 times this past year -11/16/22, 1/18/23, 4/13/23 and 7/26/23.
- The committee developed an [Investment Policy](#) which was recommended to and adopted by the Executive Committee.
- The committee also developed amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget and drafted the FY 2025 budget, which were referred to Executive Committee. The Commission will vote on adoption of the FY 2025 budget at the Annual Business Meeting.
- The committee recommended revisions to the [Travel Reimbursement Policy](#), which were approved by the Executive Committee. Approved changes include increasing the reimbursement rate for airline tickets from \$550 to \$800 to keep up with inflation.
- The committee is proud of the work done by every member, never missing a meeting and always having a quorum. The investment policy and budgets will carry on the mission and fiscal responsibility of the Commission. I'd like to offer special thanks to Pat Pendergast (AL) who was very helpful in his role as the committee's Vice-Chair.
- In the year ahead, the Finance Committee should continue to monitor the budget and investment accounts. The committee should also continue to monitor the travel costs to determine whether the Travel Reimbursement Policy needs to be amended if the economy continues to remain in inflation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Dodd
Finance Committee Chair
Commissioner, New Mexico

Interstate Commission for Juveniles
Budget Summary
Fiscal Years 2023 - 2025

	FY23 Actual	FY23 Amended Budget	FY24 Amended Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
Income				
40001 · Appropriations	978,000.00	978,000.00	1,313,500.00	1,313,500.00
51010 · Dividend Income	53,517.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
51020 · Other Income - CC Rewards	573.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
51040 · Savings Account Interest	102.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
51080 · Unrealized Gain-Equity	79,664.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	1,111,857.91	978,000.00	1,313,500.00	1,313,500.00
Expense				
Administrative Expenses				
61040 · Accounting & Bank Fees	13,142.44	14,700.00	15,450.00	16,000.00
61079 · Education & Accreditation	9,079.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
61089 · Professional Membership Fees	1,430.69	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
62000 · Office Supplies	1,640.69	3,000.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
62010 · Postage	2,210.49	3,000.00	2,800.00	3,000.00
62280 · Agency Insurance	11,568.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,900.00
62310 · Photocopy & Printing	1,849.86	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
62410 · Marketing & Advertising	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
85000 · Rent	5,811.81	6,400.00	6,650.00	7,000.00
92000 · Depreciation Expense	5,545.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
93000 · Amortization Expense	51,875.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Administrative Expenses	104,152.98	48,600.00	47,700.00	51,400.00
Communications				
62360 · Internet & Telephone	3,892.40	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
68200 · Video Conferencing	2,291.21	2,200.00	2,800.00	2,940.00
Total Communications	6,183.61	6,400.00	7,000.00	7,140.00
Computer & Information Tech				
62090 · Infrastructure	2,678.75	3,000.00	2,600.00	2,700.00
62130 · Web Support	8,549.44	11,000.00	12,000.00	12,400.00
62140 · Software - Admin	4,768.35	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,200.00
62141 · Software - Training	6,737.40	7,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
66000 · Computer & IT Equipment	2,046.92	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Total Computer & Information Tech	24,780.86	34,500.00	34,600.00	35,300.00
Meetings & Conferences				
68020 · Food & Beverage	20,667.29	21,900.00	21,250.00	23,350.00
68210 · Meeting Room Rental	159.00	1,000.00	600.00	2,140.00
68220 · Accommodations	33,585.88	52,550.00	45,700.00	43,000.00
68230 · Misc. Expenses	2,672.40	3,300.00	3,500.00	3,800.00
68240 · Registration Fees	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
68250 · Audio Visual	24,394.72	21,400.00	26,200.00	27,700.00
68260 · Awards & Promotional	1,696.76	1,600.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
74010 · Staff Travel	11,979.39	15,300.00	14,000.00	15,000.00
74020 · Participant Travel	73,229.71	79,950.00	78,650.00	88,710.00
Total Meetings & Conferences	170,885.15	199,000.00	193,700.00	207,500.00
National Data System				
63100 · UNITY System	107,598.00	312,000.00	333,200.00	231,200.00
63200 · JIDS System	0.00	12,000.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
63300 Data Systems Other	20,173.32	20,000.00	19,000.00	20,000.00
Total National Data System	127,771.32	344,000.00	359,400.00	258,400.00
Payroll Expenses				
Total Salaries & Payroll Taxes/Fees	432,993.20	402,000.00	435,000.00	451,000.00
Total Benefits	152,443.71	157,500.00	155,000.00	160,000.00
Total Payroll Expenses	585,436.91	559,500.00	590,000.00	611,000.00
Professional Services				
72100 · Consultant	8,553.75	10,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
71230 · Leadership Development	5,867.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
80000 · Legal Services	39,150.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total Professional Services	53,570.75	65,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
46000 · Reserves or Investments	39,076.33	-279,000.00	6,100.00	67,760.00
Total Expense	1,111,857.91	978,000.00	1,313,500.00	1,313,500.00
Operating Income (Income - Expenses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



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2023 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Information Technology Committee (Tech Committee) met a total of 9 times between October 2022 and August 2023. The Tech Committee again had four work teams formed who also met several times in this same time period. These work teams included the Enhancement team, the Reporting and Data Visualization team, the Workflow Diagram Team and the Unity Maintenance Team. This year's focus was implementing FY 23 Enhancements, reviewing rule proposals for technical impacts and supporting the further implementation of proactive monitoring. From these goals came strong partnerships other committees and many other accomplishments.

In the pursuit of seamless enhancement roll outs, the Enhancements team quickly learned that there was not an online platform conducive to testing UNITY enhancements prior to rolling them out to UNITY users. From this discovery came the recommendation from the Tech Committee to the Executive Committee for the creation of a UNITY site dedicated strictly to testing UNITY enhancements prior to them being released to the training or production site. Enhance.ICJUNITY.org is structured to benefit all future ICJ enhancement and rule update testing and is structured to be turned off and on as needed. The Tech Committee Tech Committee also reviewed all rule proposals for any impact to UNITY or ICJ Forms. Any impacts found were evaluated and then quotes were gathered from Optimum for potential costs of implementing any changes needed from rule proposals.

The Technology Committee also worked diligently to review rule 5-103 after a recommendation was received as a result of data received from the National UNITY Data Assessment. As a result of reviewing rule 5-103 and how UNITY aligned with this rule, the Tech Committee, with support from the Compliance Committee, created a rule proposal and form to help clarify the failed supervision rule and workflow process.

As previously mentioned, the Technology Committee formed strong partnerships with several committees this year. One of those partnerships was with the Training Committee. The Training Committee held a number of Wednesday Workshops this year and the Tech Committee worked together with the Training Committee to ensure that UNITY enhancement training was apart of that schedule. Member of the Technology Committee participated in three Enhancement trainings through these Workshops.

Members of the Technology Committee also participated in several workgroups that helped in the creation of best practices and training updates surrounding violation reports and intrastate relocation.

Another partnership the Tech Committee had was with the Compliance Committee. Together a plan was created to roll out a Proactive Monitoring Initiative. You may remember seeing the Proactive Monitoring Calendar and Tableau users should now all receive weekly autogenerated



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HE and QPR reports to their inbox. To keep UNITY's data accurate and up to date, the UNITY Maintenance team worked in conjunction with the proactive monitoring calendar on areas within UNITY to promote maintenance practices that help keep UNITY and case management updated and accurate.

We are very excited to share some the following data that we have collected as of August 1, 2023 with the help of the National Office. As we all know, the Commission made it a priority this year to keep UNITY healthy through both Proactive Monitoring and Unity Data Maintenance. Specifically, the Commission focused on:

1. Maximum Probation and Parole Expiration Date data which indicated that only 1% of the TOS Cases (39 of 2,228) needed review for case updates. Down from the over 4.5% at the onset of tracking.
2. Duplicate Juveniles of which there are no reported duplicate juvenile profiles and which was the case for two consecutive months.
3. Home Evaluations have only 5%, 22 of the 425, cases past due, significantly below the Compliance Committee target goal of 10%.
4. Quarterly Progress Reports have only 3% 70 of the 2,228, past due which is significantly below the Compliance Committee target goal of 10%.

We consider these numbers a huge success and, on behalf of the Technology Committee, we want to thank everyone here for making this a priority and helping us exceed the expectations set.

We have high goals for next year with the Technology Committee, including developing new workflow diagrams, continued reporting improvements within Tableau and implementing any UNITY or forms updates from this year's rule proposals. We've had many accomplishments this year, including testing, training, and releasing of 23 complex enhancements and a successful first year of proactive monitoring efforts, and we aim to continue that trend into the years to come.

As always, the Technology Committee would not be able to accomplish any of this without the help and support of the National Office, especially Joe Johnson, who worked many long nights to ensure that our ambitions goals and big ideas were able to come to fruition.

We would like to express many thanks to Compliance Chair Jacey Rader and the entire Compliance Committee for their support and partnership this year. Their support and partnership were crucial to the implementation of a successful proactive monitoring initiative.

Thank you also to Chair Copeland and the Training Committee for allowing Technology Committee to participate in the crucial Enhancement Training, as well as their partnership with the workflow diagram team. We hope to see many new resources coming from this partnership in the future.



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Finally, Vice Chair Curtis and I would like to express our deepest gratitude to every member of the Information Technology Committee. This was a whirlwind of a year with enhancement implementation, proactive monitoring and rule proposal reviews. You all were extremely active participants in every agenda item and team formed this year. All the success the committee experienced this year are due to the hard work and dedication from each and every one of you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellianne Torres

Kellianne Torres
Information Technology Committee Chair
Commissioner's Designee, Iowa

Roy Curtis

Roy Curtis
Information Technology Committee Vice Chair
Commissioner, Maine



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2023 RACIAL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee was created in 2022 to develop strategies to promote diversity awareness and increase equity and inclusion through active learning, collaboration, community engagement, and partnerships. The Committee reviews the Commission's data, rules, policies, operations, and resources and makes specific recommendations to promote equity and procedural justice. The Committee also facilitates the Commission's continuing efforts to cultivate a culture of mutual respect that educates, advocates, and empowers members to be productive and socially responsible global citizens.

The Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee met seven times, and the Work Team met three times this fiscal year. As the Commission's first new standing committee since its inception, the inaugural meeting was conducted on November 29, 2022.

On behalf of the Racial DEI Committee, Chair Jones (MD) and Vice-Chair Casey (DE) submitted a rule amendment of ICJ Rule 4-104. The proposal promotes the rights of parents and the well-being of juveniles by clarifying the "mandatory acceptance rule." The proposal is also intended to increase equity by requiring a detailed justification when transfer of supervision is not recommended.

The Racial DEI Committee Work Team developed a Best Practice guide titled "[Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families](#)." This Best Practice encourages states to focus on home evaluations because ICJ data suggests race-based disparities may exist in denials of transfers of supervision. The committee developed the supplemental document to help eliminate barriers and biases to increase acceptance of supervision and successful outcomes.

Next year, the Racial DEI Committee plans to focus on ensuring more equitable use of violation reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Jones

Sherry Jones
Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair
Commissioner, Maryland



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2023 TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee (commonly referred to as the Training Committee) met seven times during the fiscal year on December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, June 1, and July 6. After the first meeting, the Training Committee hit the ground running, determined to provide the Commission with high-quality trainings, by developing goals, priorities, and a training plan utilizing the 2022 Annual Business Meeting survey results.

The goals included:

- Ensure ICJO staff understand the basics of ICJ Rules, how they apply, and how to use UNITY.
- Provide/update resources for onboarding new ICJO staff.
- Provide/update resources for training state probation/parole staff and judges.
- Educate ICJO staff about how to access and utilize the resources.

With these goals in mind, a training calendar was developed and the Committee determined what type of trainings to implement. The Training Committee also provided feedback on the [ICJ Website Resources Overview](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpages. A banner featuring these resources was added to the Commission's homepage to help make the navigating the site more user-friendly.

The Committee brought back monthly live trainings and utilized ICJ.TalentLMS for additional training needs. The Wednesday Workshop live training series was reintroduced and states were encouraged to invite field and Compact Office staff to attend. Training Committee members worked with the National Office to develop PowerPoint presentations and supplemental materials to use during the training sessions. The first training, featuring Home Evaluations, was offered on March 29. It was a great success and had over 150 attendees. Due to the high volume of participants, the Commission's Zoom plan was upgraded to allow up to 300 viewers to log in and participate in the upcoming trainings. The next training on Quarterly Progress Reports was offered on April 26, followed by Violation Reports on May 31.

The Training Committee also collaborated with the Technology Committee for the June 28 and July 26 Wednesday Workshops to ensure the Commission was properly trained on the UNITY Enhancements. Next year, the Training Committee will continue to partner with the Technology Committee on flowcharts and a UNITY Spotlight article regarding signatures on travel permits.



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The Training Committee developed and conducted a survey of training topics for the 2023 Annual Business Meeting training sessions. After a review of the survey results from the Commission, *Effective Strategies for In-State Training* and *ICJ and Child Welfare – A Collaborative Effort* were selected. Members of the Training Committee then formed work teams to develop the training sessions.

The Training Committee also reviewed and discussed potential speakers and selected Dr. LaMarr Shields as Keynote Speaker to engage the Commission in discussing Mental Health and Self-Care/Stress Management.

Finally, the Training Committee wrapped up the year by outlining a list of goals in preparation for Fiscal Year 2024. The plans include: training for ICJ Rules amendments, continuing the Wednesday Workshop live training series, creating new flowcharts, and partnering with ex officio members to present live training for judges.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrie Copeland

Corrie Copeland
Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chair
Commissioner, Tennessee



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2023 EAST REGION REPORT

Since the last Annual Business Meeting, the East Region met 5 times via Zoom on the following dates: November 9, 2022, January 12, 2023, January 31, 2023, April 12, 2023 and July 13, 2023. Trissie Casanova (VT) remains the Alternate East Region Representative. This year, the East Region said farewell to Francesco Bianco (NY) and Joann Niksa (RI) who both retired after many years of service to their states. Additionally, the East Region welcomed Pam Weinman (NY) who was appointed Designee for New York.

During the East Region meetings, the members regularly received updates regarding all ICJ Committee meetings and discussed individual state updates as well as ongoing UNITY Enhancement updates. The “hot topics” meeting agenda item was introduced in April, which provided consistent discussion topics amongst the regions that included, but were not limited to, Proactive Monitoring, Collaboration with Child Welfare Agencies, and new training and Best Practices resources available on the Commission’s website.

The East Region discussed and proposed 2 Rule Amendments for consideration at this year’s Annual Business Meeting. After further discussion and consideration, the East Region decided to withdraw one of the rule proposals (Rule 6-102 pertaining to an after-hours protocol for runaways after the Rules Committee recommended that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee to consider an After-Hours Matrix. As the Commission is aware, the Executive Committee did vote to create an After-Hours Matrix for states to provide their after-hours response contact information and/or process when runaways are located after business hours. This matrix is live on the Commission’s website. The East Region’s proposed Rule Amendment for Rule 8-101 pertaining to travel permits will be voted on at this Annual Business Meeting.

The East Region continues to have discussions regarding non-delinquent runaways and the challenges states have had when these juveniles are either not in NCIC, or law enforcement refuses to attempt to locate these juveniles or hold the juveniles once they’ve been located. Further discussions for a best practice is a future agenda item.

Lastly, it has truly been my absolute pleasure to serve as the East Region Representative over this past year. It was something I was nervous and unsure about, but I could not be more honored to have had this opportunity. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and the continued collaboration within the region, and the commission as whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caitlyn Bickford
East Region Representative
Commissioner, New Hampshire



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2023 MIDWEST REGION REPORT

The Midwest Region met five times since the 2022 ICJ Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The dates of the region meetings were: November 16, 2022; January 24, 2023; April 24, 2023; May 23, 2023; and July 18, 2023.

Following the 2022 ICJ Annual Business Meeting, Sasaun Lane, was appointed ICJ Commissioner in Ohio. Commissioner Lane quickly became involved this year serving as the Midwest Region Alternate Representative. Recently, Megan Milner was appointed ICJ Commissioner and Fareeda Washington appointed her designee for Kansas.

During each of the five meetings, Midwest Region members serving on one or more of the seven (7) committees provided an update on the activities of their respective committees.

In January, the Midwest Region submitted a proposed amendment to Rule 4-102: Sending and Receiving Referrals. Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) led the charge and discussion for the proposed amendment. The initial proposal submitted was not recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee. After the rules comment period and during the Rules Committee face-to-face meeting of reviewing all comments, the Rules Committee recommended edits to the proposal. All recommended edits were supported by the Midwest Region. The proposal was re-submitted to the Rules Committee and their recommendation changed to support for adoption.

The Midwest Region members are involved in the Commission's work across the nation and I could not be prouder of their involvement and participation in the Commission's work.

I am thankful for support of the region and for the privilege of serving once again as the Midwest Region Representative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles R. Frieberg

Charles R. Frieberg
Midwest Region Representative
Commissioner, South Dakota



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2023 SOUTH REGION REPORT

The South Region met five times since the last Annual Business Meeting in October 2022. Meetings were conducted on November 11, 2022; January 18, 2023; March 16, 2023; April 25, 2023; and July 25, 2023.

The year began with the election of Felicia Dauway, South Carolina Full-Time Designee and Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA), as the Region Representative and the appointment of Jean Hall, Florida Commissioner, as the Alternate Region Representative.

The South Region received updates from the National Office related to the business of the Commission. A new agenda format was implemented and proven to be very successful and well received by everyone.

The South Region recommended an amendment to Rule 7-107 regarding Airport Supervision, and it was recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee. Throughout the year, the South Region welcomed new appointments and hires to ICJ positions in several states.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as the South Region Representative, and I look forward to our collective work in the upcoming year. I would also like to thank Jean Hall, the Alternate Region Representative for her support, it has been invaluable.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felicia L. Dauway

Felicia L. Dauway

South Region Representative

Commissioner's Designee, South Carolina



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2023 WEST REGION REPORT

The West Region met six (6) times since the last Annual Business Meeting in October 2022. Region meetings were conducted on November 8, 2022, January 11, 2023, February 15, 2023, April 12, 2023, June 8, 2023, and July 13, 2023. Wyoming Commissioner Maureen Clifton was named the Alternate West Region Representative.

The West Region received regular updates from the ICJ Executive Committee and the National Office related to the business of the Commission. The West Region regularly learned of the work being conducted within the various ICJ committees from members within the West Region. There were regular discussions and updates related to: the 2023 proposed rule amendments; UNITY Enhancements; the Proactive Monitoring Program; Trainings, Wednesday Workshops; the updated [ICJ website](#); and the revised [ICJ Bench Book](#).

Two West Region states experienced significant law changes regarding juvenile sex offenders. The West did spend a significant amount of time discussing development of a best practice regarding engaging child welfare agencies when returning juveniles. The West Region developed a small work group to develop this best practice on the matter. Through the work of the small group, it became evident that the issue was much larger than a best practice. A recommendation was presented to the Executive Committee requesting the assistance of the ICJ National Office in compiling the best practice. With the assistance from the National Office the best practice turned into an ICJ Tool Kit and a training session on the subject for the 2023 ABM.

The West Region submitted two proposed rule amendments for consideration, withdrawing one for additional work after the comment period ended.

The tool kit that has been developed is something the entire West Region should be proud of. There was a tremendous amount of time and effort put into the final product by West members as well as the National Office. We believe it will be a benefit for the entire Compact. In this coming year we intend to focus on our withdrawn rule amendment in order to have a well written and supported change when the next voting cycle comes along.

The West Region had several changes in staff this year. Marvin Speed was appointed Commissioner in California, Brooke Montelongo was appointed Commissioner for Colorado, Sonia Sweeny was appointed Commissioner in Utah.

This has been an interesting first year as the West region representative and I am truly excited to see what next year brings for the West Region and the Compact as we all strive to carry out our mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard C. Wykes
West Region Representative
Commissioner's Designee, Arizona



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2023 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

The General Counsel's Office provides legal guidance to the Interstate Commission and its committees with respect to legal issues which arise in the conduct of their respective duties and responsibilities under the terms of the Compact, its Bylaws and administrative rules. The provisions of the Compact specifically authorize formal legal opinions concerning the meaning or interpretation of the actions of the Interstate Commission which are issued through the Executive Director's Office in consultation with the Office of General Counsel. These advisory opinions are made available to state officials who administer the compact for guidance. The General Counsel's office also works with the Commission and its member states to promote consistent application of and compliance with its requirements including the coordination and active participation in litigation concerning its enforcement and rule-making responsibilities.

In addition to day-to-day advice and counsel furnished to the Commission's Executive Director, the Executive, Rules, and Compliance Committees, the General Counsel's Office, in conjunction with the Executive Director, issues advisory opinions concerning the interpretation and application of various provisions of the compact and its administrative rules and assists with informal requests for legal guidance from member states, as well as dispute resolutions under applicable ICJ Rules.

While there have been no additional advisory opinions issued since the 2022 Annual Business Meeting, the General Counsel provided legal advice used in the preparation of a [Toolkit](#) to assist ICJ Offices in collaboration with state Child Welfare Offices to safely return runaway juveniles when abuse is reported.

Judicial training and Compact Administrator training concerning the legal aspects of the Compact and its administrative rules is also being addressed, in part, by the General Counsel's office under the auspices of the ICJ Executive, Rules, and Training Committees. Legal Counsel was also involved in the review and revision of [ICJ Bench Book for Judges and Court Personnel](#). White Papers and other legal resources as referenced above are public record and are available at the [Commission's website](#).

Additionally, the General Counsel advised both the Executive and Compliance Committees in several matters pertaining to compliance and enforcement with the provisions of the Compact and ICJ Rules. However, while exercising necessary oversight responsibility, recourse to litigation was not required during the period from the 2022 ABM and the date of this Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Masters
General Counsel



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2023 RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2023 Fiscal Year has been an eventful but highly productive year for the Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee met six (6) times this past Fiscal Year. The dates of those meetings were: 8/10/2022, 11/2/2022, 2/1/2023, 4/2/2023, 5/16/2023, and 7/12/2023. We, as a committee reviewed, debated, and discussed a number of topics and proposals pertaining to Rules.

During those various meetings the Committee reviewed over fourteen (14) Rules Proposals and Amendments. Twelve (12) out of thirteen (13) were supported by the Committee. All thirteen (13) were moved forward for vote at the Annual Business Meeting.

Categories of those proposals/amendments included the following:

- Relocate/relocation: Rules 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103.
- Travel Permits: Rule 8-101
- Sending and Receiving Referral: Rule 4-102
- Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision: Rules 4-104
- Reporting Juvenile Non-Compliance, Failed Supervision, Retaking: Rule 5-103
- Failed Supervision: (NEW) Rule 5-103A
- Transportation: Rule 7-106
- Airport Supervision: Rules 7-107

The Committee also sought the assistance of legal counsel and National Office to determine the authority, if any, a judiciary has in issuing bail/bond on a juvenile “wanted” on another State’s order/warrant. An Advisory Opinion was later adopted for publication on the Commission website regarding the matter.

This Committee has worked tirelessly and put forth a great deal of time and effort to review, analyze, and vet the rule amendments and proposals brought before it. This group took a “global view” of each item presented; not only to determine the possible impact on their respective State but the nation as a whole. This was no small task, but the Rules Committee worked diligently to give time and attention to each matter brought before them. I want to personally thank each of them for their efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Horton

Stephen Horton
Rules Committee Chair
Commissioner, North Carolina

Proposed by the Rules Committee

RULE 1-101: Definitions

Relocate: ~~when a juvenile remains in another state for more than ninety (90) consecutive days in any twelve (12) month period.~~

History: “Relocate” adopted September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011;

Justification:

The Rules Committee recommends eliminating the definition of “Relocate.” The current definition is inconsistent in all sections of rules that use the term. In many instances, “Relocate” seems to be used in the traditional sense of the word, that is “to move from one place to another.” This rule proposal is presented in tandem with proposals to Rules 4-101 and 4-103. The proposed changes promote consistency between rules and eliminate confusion.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

Other Rules

Rule 8-101: Travel Permits will be impacted by the adoption of this rule amendment bundle, consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103. If the definition of “Relocate” is removed from Rule 1-101, the word “relocating” in Rule 8-101(1)(b)(ii) will revert to the Webster Dictionary version.

There is a separate proposal to remove the word “relocating” from Rule 8-101(1)(b)(ii).

The 800 Section is to be considered independently so the full commission can decide by an up or down vote if youth residing in the receiving state at the time of adjudication should be subject to the travel permit requirement.

Advisory Opinions

- [Advisory Opinion 01-2018](#) references Rule 1-101: Relocate definition and Rule 4-101(2). Opinion would require reanalysis.
- [Advisory Opinion 02-2017](#) references Rule 4-101(2). Rule reference update only.
- [Advisory Opinion 01-2016](#) references Rule 4-101(2). Rule reference update only.
- [Advisory Opinion 02-2015](#) references Rule 4-101(2) and Rule 4-102(2). Rule reference updates only.
- [Advisory Opinion 03-2011](#) references Rule 4-101(2). Rule reference update only.

UNITY Impact:

If the bundle consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 is adopted and the Rule 8-101 amendment is also adopted:

- No impact.

If the bundle consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 is adopted but the Rule 8-101 amendment proposal is not adopted:

- Edits to UNITY data fields and workflow configuration to remove the travel permit requirement for non-sex offense related probation transfer of supervision cases when the juvenile already resides in the receiving state.

Forms Impact:

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Fiscal Impact:

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- No impact.

If the bundle consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 is adopted but the Rule 8-101 amendment proposal is not adopted:

- \$13,750

Effective Date:

TBD

Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

06/01/2022 – Rules Committee voted 5-0-0 to recommend amendments to Rules 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 for adoption as a bundle.

Proposed by the Rules Committee

RULE 4-101: Eligibility Requirements for the Transfer of Supervision

1. Each state that is a party to the ICJ shall process all referrals involving juveniles, for whom services have been requested, provided those juveniles are under juvenile jurisdiction in the sending state.
2. No state shall permit a juvenile who is eligible for transfer under this Compact to reside in ~~relocate to~~ another state except as provided by the Compact and these rules. A juvenile shall be eligible for transfer under ICJ if the following conditions are met:
 - a. is classified as a juvenile in the sending state; and
 - b. is an adjudicated delinquent, adjudicated status offender, or has a deferred adjudication in the sending state; and
 - c. is under the jurisdiction of a court or appropriate authority in the sending state; and
 - d. has a plan inclusive of residing in ~~relocating to~~ another state for a period exceeding ninety (90) consecutive days in any twelve (12) month period; and
 - e. has more than ninety (90) days or an indefinite period of supervision remaining at the time the sending state submits the transfer request; and
 - f.
 - i. will reside with a legal guardian, relative, non-relative or independently, excluding residential facilities; or
 - ii. is a full-time student at an accredited secondary school, or accredited university, college, or licensed specialized training program and can provide proof of acceptance and enrollment.
3. If a juvenile is placed pursuant to the ICJ and is also subject to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), placement and supervision through the ICPC would not be precluded.
4. A request for the transfer of supervision for the sole purpose of collecting restitution and/or court fines is not permitted.
5. A juvenile who is not eligible for transfer under this Compact is not subject to these rules.

History: Adopted December 2, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; amended October 9, 2013, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; clerically amended November 4, 2015

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Proposed by the Rules Committee

RULE 4-103: Transfer of Supervision Procedures for Juvenile Sex Offenders

1. When transferring a juvenile sex offender, the sending state shall not allow the juvenile to transfer to the receiving state until the sending state's request for transfer of supervision has been approved, or reporting instructions have been issued by the receiving state unless Rule 4-103(3) is applicable.
2. When transferring a juvenile sex offender, the referral shall consist of: Form VI Application for Services and Waiver, Form IV Parole or Probation Investigation Request, Order of Adjudication and Disposition, Conditions of Supervision, Petition and/or Arrest Report. The sending state shall also provide (if available): Safety Plan, Specific Assessments, Legal and Social History information pertaining to the criminal behavior, Victim Information, i.e., sex, age, relationship to the juvenile, sending state's current or recommended Supervision and Treatment Plan, photograph, and all other pertinent materials. Parole conditions, if not already included, shall be forwarded to the receiving state upon the juvenile's release from an institution. Form V Notification From Sending State of Parolee or Probationer Proceeding to the Receiving State shall be forwarded prior to or at the time juvenile relocates to the receiving state if the juvenile is not already residing in the receiving state pursuant to Rule 4-103(3).
3. When it is necessary for a juvenile sex offender to relocate or reside with a legal guardian prior to the acceptance of supervision, and there is no legal guardian in the sending state, the sending state shall determine if the circumstances ~~of the juvenile's immediate relocation~~ justify the use of a Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return, including consideration of the appropriateness of the residence. If approved by the sending state's ICJ Office, the following shall be initiated:
 - a. The sending state shall provide the receiving state with an approved Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return along with a written explanation as to why ICJ procedures for submitting the referral could not be followed.
 - b. If not already submitted, the sending state shall transmit a complete referral to the receiving state within ten (10) business days of the Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return being issued. The receiving state shall make the decision whether it will expedite the referral or process the referral according to Rule 4-102.
 - c. Within five (5) business days of receipt of the Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return, the receiving state shall advise the sending state of applicable registration requirements and/or reporting instructions, if any. The sending state shall be responsible for communicating the registration requirements and/or reporting instructions to the juvenile and his/her family in a timely manner.

- d. The sending state shall maintain responsibility until supervision is accepted by, and the juvenile has arrived in, the receiving state. The receiving state shall have the authority to supervise juveniles pursuant to reporting instructions issued under 4-103(3)(c).
4. In conducting home evaluations for juvenile sex offenders, the receiving state shall ensure compliance with local policies or laws when issuing reporting instructions. If the proposed residence is unsuitable, the receiving state may deny acceptance referred to in Rule 4-104(4).
5. Juvenile sex offender shall abide by the registration laws in the receiving state, i.e., felony or sex offender registration, notification or DNA testing.
6. A juvenile sex offender who fails to register when required will be subject to the laws of the receiving state.

History: Adopted December 2, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; amended October 17, 2012, effective April 1, 2013; amended October 9, 2013, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; clerically amended October 17, 2016; clerically amended May 19, 2021; amended October 7, 2021, effective March 1, 2022

Justification:

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UNITY Impact:

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Fiscal Impact:

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[06/01/2022](#) – Rules Committee voted 5-0-0 to recommend amendments to Rules 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 for adoption as a bundle.

Proposed by Rules Committee

RULE 8-101: Travel Permits

1. All travel permits shall be submitted prior to the juvenile's travel. Travel permits shall be mandatory for the following juveniles traveling out-of-state for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours who meet the criteria set forth in 1(a) or 1(b):
 - a. Juveniles who have been adjudicated and are on supervision for one of the following:
 - i. sex-related offenses;
 - ii. violent offenses that have resulted in personal injury or death; or
 - iii. offenses committed with a weapon;
 - b. Juveniles who are one of the following:
 - i. state committed;
 - ii. ~~relocating~~ pending a request for transfer of supervision, and who are subject to the terms of the Compact;
 - iii. returning to the state from which they were transferred for the purposes of visitation;
 - iv. transferring to a subsequent state(s) with the approval of the original sending state; or
 - v. transferred and the victim notification laws, policies and practices of the sending and/or receiving state require notification.
2. Juveniles traveling to a residential facility for placement shall be excluded from this rule; however, states may elect to use the Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return for notification purposes.
3. The travel permit shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days. If for the purposes of testing a proposed residence, a referral is to be received by the receiving state's ICJ Office within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the travel permit. The issuing state shall instruct the juvenile to immediately report any change in status during that period.
 - a. When a travel permit exceeds thirty (30) calendar days, the sending state shall provide specific instructions for the juvenile to maintain contact with his/her supervising agency.
4. Out-of-state travel for a juvenile under Compact supervision is at the discretion of the supervising person in the receiving state. If the sending state wishes to retain authority to approve travel, it shall do so by notifying the supervising state in writing.

When the sending state retains authority to approve travel permits, the receiving state shall request and obtain approval prior to authorizing the juvenile's travel.

5. If a Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return is issued, the sending state is responsible for victim notification in accordance with the laws, policies and practices of that state. The sending and receiving states shall collaborate to the extent possible to comply with

the legal requirements of victim notification through the timely exchange of required information.

History: Adopted as Rule 5-102 December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; amended October 17, 2012, effective April 1, 2013; amended October 9, 2013 and renumbered as Rule 8-101, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018

Comment: Rule 8-101 was originally titled “Informal Communication to Resolve Disputes or Controversies and Obtain Interpretation of the Rules,” adopted December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; renumbered as Rule 9-101, effective April 1, 2014

Justification:

The Rules Committee is recommending that the full Commission decide by an up or down vote on 8-101(1)(b)(ii) whether youth already residing outside of the state of adjudication should be subject to the travel permit requirement. The Rules Committee has decided this proposal will be considered separately from the bundled proposal (Rules 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103).

A vote in support of this proposal would make all transfers of supervision subject to the travel permit requirement, including those juveniles already residing in the receiving state at the time of adjudication. This would result in no changes to the UNITY system and no fiscal impact, as it would be consistent with the interpretation of the rule at the time UNITY was created.

If voted down, “relocating” would remain in the language and would be subject to the outcome of the bundled proposal (Rules 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103). If the bundled package passes, and the 8-101 proposal is voted down, “relocating” would return to a traditional sense of the term, that is “to move from one place to another.” Youth already residing out-of-state at the time of adjudication would not be subject to the travel permit requirement. This would have fiscal and UNITY impacts, as the travel permit workflow tied to this subgroup would have to be updated in UNITY.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

See above for potential impact on other rules.

No Advisory Opinion impacts.

UNITY Impact:

If the bundle consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 is adopted and the Rule 8-101 amendment is also adopted:

- No impact.

If the bundle consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 is adopted but the Rule 8-101 amendment proposal is not adopted:

- Edits to UNITY data fields and workflow are required to remove the travel permit requirement for transfer of supervision cases for juveniles who already reside in the receiving state.

Forms Impact:

If the bundle consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 is adopted and the Rule 8-101 amendment is also adopted:

- No impact.

If the bundle consisting of Rule 1-101, 4-101, and 4-103 is adopted but the Rule 8-101 amendment proposal is not adopted:

- No impact.

Fiscal Impact:

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- \$13,750

Effective Date:

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Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[06/01/2022](#) – Rules Committee voted 5-0-0 to recommend the amendment for adoption.

[05/16/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 10-0-0 to reconsider the original motion from 06/01/2022 recommending the amendment for adoption.

[05/16/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 10-0-0 to not take a position on the proposal and to recommend the full Commission decide by an up or down vote whether juveniles residing in the receiving state at the time of adjudication should be subject to the travel permit requirement.

Proposed by the Midwest Region

RULE 4-102: Sending and Receiving Referrals

1. Each ICJ Office shall develop policies/procedures on how to handle ICJ matters within its state.
2. The sending state shall maintain responsibility until supervision is accepted by, and the juvenile has arrived in, the receiving state.
 - a. State Committed (Parole) Cases – When transferring a juvenile parolee, the sending state shall not allow the juvenile to transfer to the receiving state until the sending state's request for transfer of supervision has been approved, except as described in 4-102(2)(a)(ii).
 - i. The sending state shall ensure the following referral is complete and forwarded to the receiving state forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the juvenile's anticipated arrival. The referral shall contain: Form IV Parole or Probation Investigation Request; Form VI Application for Services and Waiver; and Order of Commitment. The sending state shall also provide copies (if available) of the Petition and/or Arrest Report(s), Legal and Social History, supervision summary if the juvenile has been on supervision in the sending state for more than 30 calendar days at the time the referral is forwarded, photograph, and any other pertinent information deemed to be of benefit to the receiving state. Parole conditions, if not already included, shall be forwarded to the receiving state upon the juvenile's release from an institution. Form V Notification From Sending State of Parolee or Probationer Proceeding to the Receiving State shall be forwarded prior to or at the time the juvenile relocates to the receiving state.
 - ii. When it is necessary for a State Committed (parole) juvenile to relocate prior to the acceptance of supervision, under the provision of [Rule 4-104\(4\)](#), the sending state shall determine if the circumstances of the juvenile's immediate relocation justifies the use of a Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return, including consideration of the appropriateness of the residence. If approved by the sending state, it shall provide the receiving state with the approved Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return along with a written explanation as to why ICJ procedures for submitting the referral could not be followed.
 - iii. If not already submitted, the sending state shall provide the complete referral to the receiving state within ten (10) business days of the Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return being issued. The receiving state shall make the decision whether or not it will expedite the referral.

b. Probation Cases – The sending state shall ensure the following referral is complete and forwarded to the receiving state. The referral shall contain: Form IV Parole or Probation Investigation Request; Form VI Application for Services and Waiver; Order of Adjudication and Disposition; Conditions of Probation; and Petition and/or Arrest Report(s). The sending state shall also provide (if available) Legal and Social History, supervision summary, if the juvenile has been on supervision in the sending state for more than 30 calendar days at the time the referral is forwarded, photograph, and any other pertinent information. Form V Notification From Sending State of Parolee or Probationer Proceeding to the Receiving State shall be forwarded prior to or at the time the juvenile relocates to the receiving state, if the juvenile is not already residing in the receiving state.

c. Point of Contact – The receiving state shall provide a point of contact within ten (10) calendar days for a juvenile who resides in the receiving state at the time the referral is submitted.

i. The point of contact shall assist the juvenile and the family as needed during the investigation of the referral.

ii. The sending state shall be responsible for communicating the point of contact to the juvenile and the family and continuing supervision until the transfer of supervision is accepted.

3. The sending state shall forward additional documentation, if available, at the request of the receiving state. The receiving state shall not delay the investigation pending receipt of the additional documentation. If the juvenile is already residing in the receiving state, the receiving state shall obtain the juvenile's signature on the Form VI Application for Services and Waiver.
4. The receiving state shall, within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of the referral, forward to the sending state the home evaluation along with the final approval or disapproval of the request for supervision or provide an explanation of the delay to the sending state.

History: Adopted December 2, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; amended October 17, 2012, effective April 1, 2013; amended October 9, 2013, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; clerically amended October 17, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018; amended September 11, 2019, effective March 1, 2020; clerically amended May 19, 2021; amended October 7, 2021, effective March 1, 2022

Justification:

Juveniles who reside in the receiving state at the time of compact eligibility are not relocating. Due to this, they are not properly receiving testing placement travel permits

and are sometimes not maintaining contact with the sending state. They can be left in the receiving state without a point of contact or any guidance while a transfer request is pending. It can be some time before the receiving state is even aware that the juvenile is in their community and compact eligible. Providing a point of contact will greatly benefit both the juvenile and the community and avoid delays in the process of transfer.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

Other Rules

None

Advisory Opinions

- [Advisory Opinion 02-2015](#) references 4-102 in entirety. Rule reference update only.

UNITY Impact:

Yes; addition of UNITY data fields for the receiving state to provide a point of contact allowing the workflow to track the new required 10 calendar day timeframe.

Forms Impact:

No Impact.

Fiscal Impact:

\$15,750

Effective Date:

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Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[02/01/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 9-0-0 to not recommend the proposal for adoption.

[05/16/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend changes to the proposed amendment to Rule 4-102 submitted by the Midwest Region.

07/12/2023 – Rules Committee 8-1-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption as modified and presented.

Proposed by Commissioner Mike Casey (DE) and Commissioner Sherry Jones (MD)

RULE 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision

1. Only the receiving state's authorized Compact Office staff shall accept or deny supervision of a juvenile by that state after considering a recommendation by the investigating officer.
2. The receiving state's authorized Compact Office staff's signature is required on or with the Form VIII Home Evaluation Report that accepts or denies supervision of a juvenile by that state.
3. Supervision cannot be denied based solely on the juvenile's age or the offense.
4. Supervision shall be accepted unless ~~may be denied when~~ the home evaluation reveals that the proposed residence is unsuitable or that the juvenile is not in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of supervision required by the sending or receiving state, except as provided in Rule 4-104(5). when a juvenile has no legal guardian remaining in the sending state and the juvenile does have a legal guardian residing in the receiving state. When supervision is not recommended, the Form VIII Home Evaluation Report shall include a detailed justification to include why the proposed residence is not safe and/or suitable.
5. Supervision shall be accepted when a juvenile has no legal guardian remaining in the sending state and the juvenile does have a legal guardian residing in the receiving state.
6. Upon receipt of acceptance of supervision from the receiving state, and prior to the juvenile's departure if the youth is not already residing in the receiving state, the sending state shall provide reporting instructions to the juvenile, and provide written notification of the juvenile's departure to the receiving state.
7. If the transfer of supervision is denied by the receiving state and the juvenile is already residing in the receiving state, the sending state shall, within five (5) business days, secure alternative living arrangements and submit an updated referral or return the juvenile to the sending state. This time period may be extended up to an additional five (5) business days with approval from both ICJ offices.

History: Adopted as Rule 5-101 December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; renumbered as Rule 4-104, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018; amended September 11, 2019, effective March 1, 2020; clerically amended May 19, 2021; amended October 7, 2021, effective March 1, 2022

Justification:

A bold, proactive approach must be undertaken to effect positive systemic change. ICJ transfer of supervision denials among groups broken down by race ranged from 4% to 21% in 2022 (See ICJ Data Walk), with 14% being the average. Racial groups with above-average denial rates included African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and Other.

Allowing parents and youth to identify alternative housing plans for their children while maintaining parental responsibility empowers the family to make decisions for themselves and will likely lead to more positive outcomes. This will likely lead to higher acceptance rates concerning the transfer of supervision cases across all racial groups.

According to a 2012 report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation:

- Roughly 2.7 million American children lived with a relative, often their grandparents.
- Of these children, nearly 104,000 were placed in state-supervised formal “kinship care.”
- Additionally, “approximately 400,000 children who came to the attention of the child welfare system, but were diverted from state custody, live with kin as an alternative to foster care.”

In 2017, adults in the U.S. cared for more than 2.6 million of their relatives’ children through formal and informal care. - KIDS COUNT, 2018, Annie E. Casey Foundation

According to the Annie E. Casey 2018 Executive Summary, Commitment to Racial and Ethnic Equity, wherever significant problems and disparities are identified, system stakeholders must devise new strategies or practices to address the situation, monitor their impact, and continually refine the approaches in an ongoing pursuit of greater equity.

Effect on Other Rules, Advisory Opinions or Dispute Resolutions:

Other Rules

No Impact.

Advisory Opinions

[Advisory Opinions 01-2018](#) and [04-2014](#) reference Rule 4-104(4) regarding concepts of mandatory acceptance. Opinions would require rule reference edits and may require reanalysis.

[Advisory Opinion 03-2011](#) reference Rule 4-104(5) which would a minor require renumbering edit.

UNITY Impact:

Yes; new required data field on Form VIII: Home Evaluation Report titled “Detailed Justification” which appears if officer selects “Supervision Not Recommended” for the recommendation.

Forms Impact:

Yes; new required data field on Form VIII: Home Evaluation Report titled “Detailed Justification” if officer selects “Supervision Not Recommended” for the recommendation.

Fiscal Impact:

\$17,250

Effective Date:

TBD

Rules Committee Action:

03/01/2023 – Rules Committee voted 9-0-0 to not recommend the proposal for adoption.

05/16/2023 – Rules Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend changes to the proposed amendment to Rule 4-104 submitted by Commissioners S. Jones (MD) and M. Casey (DE); and that the Racial Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee develop a corresponding Best Practice.

07/12/2023 – Rules Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption as modified and presented.

Proposed by West Region

RULE 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision

1. Only the receiving state's authorized Compact Office staff shall accept or deny supervision of a juvenile by that state after considering a recommendation by the investigating officer.
2. The receiving state's authorized Compact Office staff's signature is required on or with the Form VIII Home Evaluation Report that accepts or denies supervision of a juvenile by that state.
3. Supervision cannot be denied based solely on the juvenile's age or the offense.
4. Supervision may be denied when the home evaluation reveals that the proposed residence is unsuitable or that the juvenile is not in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of supervision required by the sending or receiving state, except when a juvenile has no legal guardian remaining in the sending state and the juvenile does have a legal guardian residing in the receiving state.
5. Upon receipt of acceptance of supervision from the receiving state, and prior to the juvenile's departure if the youth is not already residing in the receiving state, the sending state shall provide reporting instructions to the juvenile, and provide [a Form V: Notification of Sending State Upon Parolee or Probationer Proceeding to the Receiving State](#) ~~written notification of the juvenile's departure~~ to the receiving state.
6. If the transfer of supervision is denied by the receiving state and the juvenile is already residing in the receiving state, the sending state shall, within five (5) business days, secure alternative living arrangements and submit an updated referral or return the juvenile to the sending state. This time period may be extended up to an additional five (5) business days with approval from both ICJ offices.

History: Adopted as Rule 5-101 December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; renumbered as Rule 4-104, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018; amended September 11, 2019, effective March 1, 2020; clerically amended May 19, 2021; amended October 7, 2021, effective March 1, 2022

Justification:

Identifying the Form helps avoid confusion as to how written notification is provided and is consistent with Rule 4-102.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

None

UNITY Impact:

No Impact.

Forms Impact:

No Impact.

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact.

Effective Date:

TBD

Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[03/01/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption.

Proposed by the Technology Committee

RULE 5-103: Reporting Juvenile Non-Compliance, ~~Failed Supervision~~ and Retaking

1. At any time during supervision if a juvenile is out of compliance with conditions of supervision, the receiving state shall notify the sending state using Form IX Quarterly Progress, Violation or Absconder Report, which shall contain:
 - a. the date of the new citation or technical violation that forms the basis of the violation;
 - b. description of the new citation or technical violation;
 - c. status and disposition, if any;
 - d. supporting documentation regarding the violation including but not limited to police reports, drug testing results, or any other document to support the violation;
 - e. description of efforts made to redirect the behavior, including therapeutic interventions, incentives and/or graduated sanctions, or other corrective actions consistent with supervision standards in the receiving state; and
 - f. receiving state recommendations.
2. The sending state shall respond to a violation report in which a revocation or discharge is recommended by the receiving state no later than ten (10) business days following receipt by the sending state. The response shall include the action to be taken by the sending state, which may include continue supervision, and the date that action will occur.
3. The decision of the sending state to retake a juvenile shall be conclusive and not reviewable within the receiving state. If the sending state determines the violation requires retaking or retaking is mandatory, the following shall be considered:
 - a. In those cases where the juvenile is suspected of having committed a criminal offense or an act of juvenile delinquency in the receiving state, the juvenile shall not be retaken without the consent of the receiving state until discharged from prosecution, or other form of proceeding, imprisonment, detention, or supervision.
 - b. The Form VI Application for Services and Waiver has the appropriate signatures; no further court procedures will be required for the juvenile's return.
 - c. A duly accredited officer of a sending state may enter a receiving state and apprehend and retake any such juvenile on probation or parole consistent with probable cause requirements, if any. If this is not practical, a warrant may be issued and the supervising state shall honor that warrant in full.
 - d. The sending state shall return the juvenile in a safe manner, pursuant to the ICJ Rules, within five (5) business days. This time period may be extended up to an additional five (5) business days with the approval from both ICJ Offices.

4. ~~Upon request from the receiving state, the sending state's ICJ Office shall return the juvenile within five (5) business days in accordance with these rules when:~~
- a. ~~A legal guardian remains in the sending state and the supervision in the receiving state fails as evidenced by:~~
 - i. ~~When a juvenile is no longer residing in the residence approved by the receiving state due to documented instances of violation of conditions of supervision; or~~
 - ii. ~~When an alternative residence is determined to be in the best interest of the juvenile due to documented instances of violation of conditions of supervision and no viable alternatives exist in the receiving state; or~~
 - iii. ~~When an immediate, serious threat to the health and safety of the juvenile and/or others in the residence or community is identified; and~~
 - iv. ~~The receiving state has documented efforts or interventions to redirect the behavior.~~
 - b. ~~The juvenile is not residing with a legal guardian and that person requests the juvenile be removed from his/her home. The sending state shall secure alternative living arrangements within five (5) business days or the juvenile shall be returned. This time period may be extended up to an additional five (5) business days with the approval from both ICJ Offices.~~
 - c. ~~A juvenile student or juvenile who resides independently in the receiving state whose transfer of supervision fails.~~

History: Adopted October 9, 2013, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; clerically amended October 17, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018; clerically amended May 19, 2021; amended October 7, 2021, effective March 1, 2022

Comment: Sections of Rule 5-103 were adopted as Rule 6-104 "Return of Juveniles Whose ICJ Placement Has Failed" December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; Rule 6-104 rescinded and replaced by Rule 5-103 October 9, 2013, effective April 1, 2014

Justification:

The Technology Committee proposes separating failed supervision returns in 5-103(4) from violation reports and retaking procedures by creating a NEW Rule 5-103A (*view "Justification" section on NEW Rule: 5-103A proposal for more details*). Most of the language from 5-103(4) is relocated to the new proposed rule.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

This proposal is submitted as part of a bundle with the proposed NEW Rule 5-103A as presented by the Technology Committee.

UNITY Impact:

See UNITY Impact for the proposal to NEW Rule 5-103A

Forms Impact:

See Forms Impact for the proposal to NEW Rule 5-103A

Fiscal Impact:

See Fiscal Impact for the proposal to NEW Rule 5-103A

Effective Date:

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Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[03/01/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 7-1-0 to not recommend the proposal for adoption.

[04/05/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 6-1-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption.

Proposed by Technology Committee

NEW Rule 5-103A: Failed Supervision Determined by Receiving State

Upon request from the receiving state, the sending state's ICJ Office shall return the juvenile within five (5) business days in accordance with these rules when:

1. The receiving state may determine supervision has failed when a juvenile is not detained and one of the following circumstances applies:
 - a. A legal guardian remains in the sending state, ~~and~~ the receiving state has documented efforts or interventions to redirect the behavior, and: ~~the supervision in the receiving state fails as evidenced by:~~
 - i. ~~When a~~ The juvenile is no longer resides ~~residing~~ in the residence approved by the receiving state due to documented instances of violation of conditions of supervision; or
 - ii. ~~When~~ An alternative residence is determined to be in the best interest of the juvenile due to documented instances of violation of conditions of supervision and no viable alternatives exist have been located in the receiving state; or
 - iii. ~~When~~ An immediate, serious threat to the health and safety of the juvenile and/or others in the residence or community is identified; ~~and~~
 - iv. ~~The receiving state has documented efforts or interventions to redirect the behavior.~~
 - b. The juvenile does is not reside ~~residing~~ with a legal guardian and the ~~that~~ person with whom the juvenile resides requests the juvenile be removed from his/her home. ~~The sending state shall secure alternative living arrangements within five (5) business days or the juvenile shall be returned. This time period may be extended up to an additional five (5) business days with the approval from both ICJ Offices.~~
 - c. The ~~A juvenile~~ is a student or ~~juvenile who~~ resides independently in the receiving state and the ~~whose~~ transfer of supervision fails due to documented instances of violations of conditions of supervision, and the receiving state has documented efforts or interventions to redirect the behavior.
2. Upon a determination of failed supervision, the receiving state shall notify the sending state using Form IX Failed Supervision Report which shall contain the following information:
 - a. Details regarding how the supervising agent determined supervision in the receiving state failed; and
 - b. Description of efforts or interventions to redirect behavior or maintain current residence; and

- c. Any pending charges in the receiving state.
- 3. The sending state shall respond to the Form IX Failed Supervision Report no later than ten (10) business days following receipt by the sending state.
 - a. The response shall provide details of an alternative living arrangement secured by the sending state or provide notice that a decision has been made to return the juvenile.
 - b. If an alternative living arrangement is not secured, the juvenile shall be returned no later than ten (10) business days following receipt of the Form IX Failed Supervision Report by the sending state. This time period may be extended up to an additional five (5) business days with the approval from both ICJ Offices.

Justification:

As a result of the [2022 UNITY Data Assessment](#) completed by the Compliance Committee it was discovered that in situations of Failed Supervision, not only was the required response to a violation report not being completed, but youth were not being returned in the 5 business days allowed by the current rule. The Data Assessment found that returns due to Failed Supervision were taking an average of 13 business days. The Information Technology Committee was tasked with reviewing 5-103 as it pertained to failed supervision and the UNITY workflow currently associated with the rule. It was determined that it is not feasible in most cases to meet the current requirement due to the complexity of investigation and finding a new residence. Also as written, 5-103 covers Non-Compliance, Failed Supervision, and Retaking. While Non-Compliance and Retaking have very specific processes and expectations, the same is not true for Failed Supervision. The current rule outlines when supervision can be considered to have failed but does not provide guidance on how to provide that information to the sending state.

This proposal brings over language from 5-103(4) and is intended to provide clarity regarding the process and expectations for both the sending and receiving states once the receiving state has made a determination of failed supervision. This change is intended to alleviate any confusion between reporting a violation which requests discharge or revocation and Failed Supervision which mandates either the return of the juvenile or securing an alternative residence. In addition, the time frame would be extended based on the findings of the 2022 UNITY Data Assessment.

The addition of using a separate form was also made part of this proposal to reduce confusion regarding what mechanism should be used by the receiving state to report a failed supervision. Current forms (Form IX QPR and VR) do not require the needed

information be included to justify a Failed Supervision. This new form allows field workers to gather the required information to initiate the Failed Supervision process. This form also facilitates the appropriate response to the Failed Supervision by the Sending State.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

This proposal is submitted as part of a bundle with the proposed amendments to Rule 5-103 as presented by the Technology Committee.

UNITY Impact:

Edits to applicable UNITY Failed Supervision Event to permit use of new Form IX: Failed Supervision Report and addition of new timelines.

Forms Impact:

New Form IX: Failed Supervision Report

Fiscal Impact:

\$50,750

Effective Date:

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Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[03/01/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 7-1-0 to not recommend the proposal for adoption.

[04/05/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 6-1-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption.

[05/16/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 9-1-0 to suggest that the Technology Committee add the phrase “Mandatory Retaking” to the rule title.

Proposed by the Rules Committee

RULE 7-106: Transportation

1. Holding/receiving states are responsible for transporting juveniles to local airports or other means of public transportation as arranged by the home/demanding/sending state and maintaining security of the juveniles until departure.
2. Home/demanding/sending states shall make every effort to accommodate the airport preferences of the holding/receiving state. Additionally, travel plans shall be made with consideration of normal business hours and exceptions shall be approved by the holding/receiving state.
3. Holding/receiving states shall not return to juveniles any personal belongings which could jeopardize the health, safety, or security of the juveniles or others (examples: weapon, cigarettes, medication, lighters, change of clothes, or cell phone).
4. Holding/receiving states shall confiscate all questionable personal belongings and return those belongings to the legal guardians by approved carrier, COD or at the expense of the home/demanding/sending state (e.g., United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, or Federal Express).
5. In cases where a juvenile is being transported by a commercial airline carrier, the holding/receiving state shall ensure the juvenile has a picture identification card, if available, and/or a copy of the applicable ICJ paperwork or appropriate due process documentation in his/her possession before entering the airport.
6. The home/demanding/sending state shall not use commercial ground transportation unless all other options have been considered or the juvenile is accompanied by an adult.
7. The duly accredited officers of any compacting state, upon the establishment of their authority and the identity of the juvenile being returned, shall be permitted to transport such juvenile through any and all states party to this Compact, without interference.
8. In the event of an emergency situation including but not limited to weather, accident, mechanical issue, delayed flight, or missed flight, that interrupts or changes established travel plans during a return transport, the ICJ member states may provide necessary services and assistance, including temporary detention or appropriate shelter arrangements for the juvenile until the transport is rearranged and/or completed.

History: Adopted as Rule 6-110 December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; renumbered as Rule 7-106, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018

Justification:

This change would give states the authority to assist with the temporary detention/shelter of youth in any emergency situation caused by a disruption of an established travel plan.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

None

UNITY Impact:

No Impact.

Forms Impact:

No Impact.

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact.

Effective Date:

TBD

Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[08/10/2022](#) – Rules Committee voted 5-0-0 to recommend the amendment to 7-106(8) for adoption.

Proposed by Designee Judy Miller (AR) and Commissioner Julie Hawkins (MO)

RULE 7-106: Transportation

1. Holding/receiving states are responsible for transporting juveniles to local airports or other means of public transportation as arranged by the home/demanding/sending state and maintaining security of the juveniles until departure.
2. Home/demanding/sending states shall make every effort to accommodate the airport preferences of the holding/receiving state. Additionally, travel plans shall be made with consideration of normal business hours and exceptions shall be approved by the holding/receiving state.
3. In collaboration with the holding/receiving state, demanding/sending state, and the lay-over state, discretion shall be used when determining which personal items may accompany the juvenile on their return. ~~Holding/receiving states shall not return to juveniles any personal belongings which could.~~ Items that may jeopardize the health, safety, or security of the juvenile or others shall be confiscated. ~~(examples: weapon, cigarettes, medication, lighters, change of clothes, or cell phone)~~
4. ~~Holding/receiving states shall confiscate all questionable~~ Confiscated personal belongings and return those belongings shall be returned to the legal guardians by checked luggage, approved carrier, COD or at the expense of the home/demanding/sending state. ~~(e.g., United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, or Federal Express).~~
5. In cases where a juvenile is being transported by a commercial airline carrier, the holding/receiving state shall ensure the juvenile has a picture identification card, if available, and/or a copy of the applicable ICJ paperwork or appropriate due process documentation in his/her possession before entering the airport.
6. The home/demanding/sending state shall not use commercial ground transportation unless all other options have been considered or the juvenile is accompanied by an adult.
7. The duly accredited officers of any compacting state, upon the establishment of their authority and the identity of the juvenile being returned, shall be permitted to transport such juvenile through any and all states party to this Compact, without interference.

History: Adopted as Rule 6-110 December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; renumbered as Rule 7-106, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018

Justification:

Paragraph 3: The states involved in the juvenile's return should be allowed to use discretion when determining what belongings/items the juvenile can bring with them on their return trip. In some cases, there is no need to restrict the belongings; particularly, on one-way trips with no lay-overs. It can be a financial burden to the holding/receiving state's detention center or shelter on how to return the belongings. Some items may never be returned. In the past there were concerns with juveniles traveling with extra

clothing. In most cases when a picture of the juvenile is provided, this eliminates that issue.

Paragraph 4: Another option for returning belongings is for the home/demanding state to include the cost of checked baggage at the time the flight reservation is made. This relieves the issue of the holding/receiving state finding a way to return the items and how to pay for them. Returning belongings to the home/demanding state can be difficult and can be an extra expense for the detention center, shelter, or the family to arrange for payment to return these items.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

None

UNITY Impact:

No Impact.

Forms Impact:

No Impact.

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact.

Effective Date:

TBD

Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[03/01/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 8-0-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption.

Proposed by South Region

RULE 7-107: Airport Supervision

1. All states shall provide supervision and assistance to unescorted juveniles at intermediate airports en route to the home/demanding/sending state.
2. Juveniles shall be supervised from arrival until departure.
3. Home/demanding/sending states shall ~~give the states providing~~ request airport supervision a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours in advance ~~notice~~. Exceptions may be approved by the intermediate airport state.
4. In the event of an emergency situation including but not limited to weather, delayed flight, or missed flight, that interrupts or changes established travel plans during a return transport, the ICJ member states shall provide necessary services and assistance, including temporary detention or appropriate shelter arrangements for the juvenile until the transport is rearranged and/or completed.

History: Adopted as Rule 6-111 December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; clerically amended January 5, 2011, effective February 4, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; renumbered as Rule 7-107, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016

Justification:

It is recommended the language be struck and amended in 7-107: Airport Supervision #3. By amending the language, the Rule would require the Home/Demanding State to “request” airport supervision from the layover State rather than simply “notifying” the layover State. The language change requires Home/Demanding States to adhere to the 48 hours advance notice of the request and provides greater communication to include the layover State.

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

None

UNITY Impact:

No Impact.

Forms Impact:

No Impact.

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact.

Effective Date:

TBD

Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[02/01/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 7-0-0 to return the proposal to the South Region to consider striking “unless an emergency occurs” and adding a new sentence: “Exceptions may be approved by the intermediate airport state.”

[04/05/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption.

Proposed by East Region

RULE 8-101: Travel Permits

1. All travel permits shall be submitted prior to the juvenile's travel. Travel permits shall be mandatory for the following juveniles traveling out-of-state for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours who meet the criteria set forth in 1(a) or 1(b):
 - a. Juveniles who have been adjudicated or have deferred adjudications and are on supervision for one of the following:
 - i. sex-related offenses;
 - ii. violent offenses that have resulted in personal injury or death; or
 - iii. offenses committed with a weapon;
 - b. Juveniles who are one of the following:
 - i. state committed;
 - ii. relocating pending a request for transfer of supervision, and who are subject to the terms of the Compact;
 - iii. returning to the state from which they were transferred for the purposes of visitation;
 - iv. transferring to a subsequent state(s) with the approval of the original sending state; or
 - v. transferred and the victim notification laws, policies and practices of the sending and/or receiving state require notification.
2. Juveniles traveling to a residential facility for placement shall be excluded from this rule; however, states may elect to use the Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return for notification purposes.
3. The travel permit shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days. If for the purposes of testing a proposed residence, a referral is to be received by the receiving state's ICJ Office within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the travel permit. The issuing state shall instruct the juvenile to immediately report any change in status during that period.
 - a. When a travel permit exceeds thirty (30) calendar days, the sending state shall provide specific instructions for the juvenile to maintain contact with his/her supervising agency.
4. Out-of-state travel for a juvenile under Compact supervision is at the discretion of the supervising person in the receiving state. If the sending state wishes to retain authority to approve travel, it shall do so by notifying the supervising state in writing.

When the sending state retains authority to approve travel permits, the receiving state shall request and obtain approval prior to authorizing the juvenile's travel.

5. If a Form VII Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return is issued, the sending state is responsible for victim notification in accordance with the laws, policies and practices of that state. The sending and receiving states shall collaborate to the extent possible to comply with

the legal requirements of victim notification through the timely exchange of required information.

History: Adopted as Rule 5-102 December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; amended September 15, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended October 26, 2011, effective March 1, 2012; amended October 17, 2012, effective April 1, 2013; amended October 9, 2013 and renumbered as Rule 8-101, effective April 1, 2014; amended August 26, 2015, effective February 1, 2016; amended September 27, 2017, effective March 1, 2018

Comment: Rule 8-101 was originally titled “Informal Communication to Resolve Disputes or Controversies and Obtain Interpretation of the Rules,” adopted December 3, 2009, effective March 1, 2010; renumbered as Rule 9-101, effective April 1, 2014

Justification:

With more states offering alternative sentencing in which adjudication is deferred and the juvenile is placed on supervision, which is treated similarly to Probation cases, this is a public safety justification to ensure Receiving States are aware when one of these juveniles is in their state. It would also align the rules with the eligibility for Transfer of Supervision requirements which “*is an adjudicated delinquent, adjudicated status offender, or has a deferred adjudication in the sending state.*”

Effect on Other Rules or Advisory Opinions:

None

UNITY Impact:

The East Region recommends adding an option for “deferred adjudication” in addition to Probation and Parole in the Travel Permit case type selector; however, in consideration of keeping consistency with the TOS selector options the Technology Committee assessment does not support adding this option but rather educating the Commission about Travel Permit requirements.

Forms Impact:

No Impact.

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact.

Effective Date:

TBD

Rules Committee Action: *Click on meeting date to view approved minutes.*

[02/01/2023](#) – Rules Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend the proposal for adoption.



ICJ & CHILD WELFARE: A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

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Youths involved in both the juvenile justice system (because of delinquent behavior) and the child welfare system (because of maltreatment) are often referred to as “dual system” or “dually involved” youth. They share many of the same risk factors and other characteristics as youths involved in just one of these systems; however, this population tends to face a greater number of these risk factors, more complex risk factors, and fewer protective factors (Dierkhising et al., 2019; Herz, Ryan, and Bilchik, 2010; Kim et al., 2020; Lee and Villagrana, 2015).

ICJ & Child Welfare: A Collaborative Effort will feature a panel discussion of ICJ members from each region and representatives from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services and the Utah Attorney General’s Office. The goal of the discussion is to help states foster positive relationships with child welfare agencies and learn how to collaborate to navigate barriers.

The session will be moderated by **Raymundo Gallardo**, Utah Deputy Compact Administrator. Panelists include: **Daniel Rich**, Program Administrator, Utah Division of Child and Family Services; **Deborah Wood**, Assistant Attorney General, Utah Attorney General’s Office; **Roy Curtis**, Maine Commissioner; **Abbie Christian**, Nebraska Deputy Compact Administrator; **Julie Hawkins**, Missouri Commissioner; and **Brooke Montelongo**, Colorado Commissioner.

The Interstate Commission for Juveniles recently published a new toolkit titled [Returns & Child Welfare: Collaborating to Safely Return Runaways when Abuse is Reported](#). This toolkit was developed to foster collaborations between state ICJ Offices, child welfare agencies, courts, law enforcement agencies, and detention centers. This toolkit includes a legal overview and summary of challenges described by ICJ offices when returning runaway who report abuse. It also features strategies for addressing concerns, state spotlights, and additional resources with links. The Commission strives to efficiently educate the community about the Compact and encourages you to collaborate with your state partners to ensure safe returns.

A glossary of child welfare terms was also developed by the training session work team to aid ICJ Offices as many child welfare terms are subject to interpretation. The [Child Welfare Information Gateway Glossary](#) identifies commonly held definitions for terms that can be found on the [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#) website or in products and materials developed by external entities (e.g., Federal or State Agencies or other reliable organizations). Information Gateway is cited as the source unless otherwise noted. For additional information on glossary terms, please see their index [Search A-Z](#).

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Collaborating to Safely Return
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A Toolkit for ICJ Offices, State
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GLOSSARY



CHILD WELFARE TERMS

SOURCE: CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION GATEWAY

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Abandonment: A situation in which the child has been left by the parent(s), the parent's identity or whereabouts are unknown, the child suffers serious harm, as a result of his/her desertion, or the parent has failed to maintain contact with the child or to provide reasonable support for a specified period of time.

Alternative Response: A responsive approach that is usually applied in low and moderate-risk cases that does not usually require a formal determination or substantiation of child abuse or neglect or the entry of names into a central registry. (See differential response.)

Caregiver: One who provides for the physical, emotional, and social needs of a dependent person. The term most often applies to parents or parent surrogates, child care and nursery workers, health-care specialists, and relatives caring for children, elderly, or ill family members.

Child Abuse and Neglect: Defined by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) as, at a minimum, any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker that results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or trafficking, or an act or failure to act that presents an imminent risk of serious harm. While CAPTA sets federal minimum standards for states that accept CAPTA funding, each state provides its own definitions of maltreatment within civil and criminal statutes. (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act)

Child Custody (In Child Welfare): A court's determination of which parent, relative, or other adult should have physical and/or legal control and responsibility for a child who is younger than age 18. Child custody can be decided by a local court if a child, relative, close friend, or state agency questions whether the parents are unfit, absent, dead, incarcerated, or dangerous to the child's well-being. In such cases, custody can be awarded to a grandparent or other relative, a foster parent, a state agency, or other organization or institution. There is a difference between physical custody, which designates where the child will actually live, and legal custody, which gives the custodial person(s) the right to make decisions for the child's welfare. Whoever has legal custody can enroll the child in school, give permission for medical care, and give other legal consents. (Adapted from The People's Law Dictionary)

Child Protective Services (CPS): The social services agency designated (in most States) to receive reports, conduct investigations and assessments, and provide intervention and treatment services to children and families in which child maltreatment has occurred. Frequently, this agency is located within larger public social service agencies, such as departments of social services

Cross-Reporting: Information sharing among professional entities (Cross-Reporting Among Agencies that Respond to Child Abuse and Neglect)

Differential Response: A way of structuring child protective services to allow for more flexibility in how it responds to low- and moderate-risk cases and better meet the needs of families. In differential response systems, screened-in reports are assigned to one of two (or more) tracks based on factors such as the type and severity of the maltreatment, the number and sources of previous reports, and the willingness of a family to participate in services. (See alternative response.)

Dual-System Served/Crossover Youth: Youth who are involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. These youth are also sometimes referred to as joint-case or multisystem-involved youth. (Adapted from Center for Juvenile Justice Reform & Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps)

Fictive Kin: People not related by birth or marriage who have an emotionally significant relationship with an individual.

Guardianship: A judicially created relationship between a child and caretaker that is intended to be permanent and self-sustaining as evidenced by the transfer to the caretaker of the following parental rights with respect to the child: protection, education, care and control of the person, custody of the person, and decision-making. (Adapted from the Code of Federal Regulations)

Human-Trafficking: A crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether any form of force, fraud, or coercion was used. (Human Trafficking Hotline)

Informal Kinship Care: A kinship care arrangement that occurs outside the child welfare system. These informal arrangements are often made by family members without the involvement of the child welfare or juvenile court systems and are sometimes referred to as either informal or private kinship care.

Investigation: A type of child protective services' response that involves the gathering of objective information to determine whether a child was maltreated, or is at risk of maltreatment, and establishes if an intervention is needed. It generally includes face-to-face contact with the alleged victim and results in a disposition as to whether or not the alleged maltreatment occurred. (Child Maltreatment reports)

Investigation Response: Response involving the collection of forensic evidence and formal determination (substantiation decision) of whether child maltreatment has occurred or if the child is at risk of abuse or neglect. In child protection systems utilizing differential response, investigation response is generally used for reports of maltreatment that occur in institutions, the most severe types of maltreatment (e.g., serious physical harm, sexual abuse), and those that may involve the legal or judicial systems.

Kinship Foster Care: An arrangement that can occur when a public child welfare agency has legal custody and places a child with relatives or kin in a foster care arrangement. This type of arrangement is often referred to as either “formal” or “public” kinship care. Kinship foster homes may be either licensed or unlicensed, depending on State licensing requirements and family preferences.

Legal Guardian: An adult to whom the court has given parental responsibility and authority for a child. Appointment as guardian requires the filing of a petition and approval by the court and can be done without terminating the parental rights of the child's parents.

Mandated Reporter: A professional who is required by State statutes to report suspected child abuse and neglect to the proper authorities (usually child protective services or law enforcement agencies). Mandated reporters typically include educators and other school personnel, health care and mental health professionals, social workers, child-care providers, and law enforcement.

Ombudsman (in child welfare): A Government official who is responsible for addressing and resolving citizens’ complaints. Although the purpose, responsibilities, and duties vary by State, an ombudsman or ombudsperson, also known in some jurisdictions as a child advocate, provides oversight of children’s services. Ombudsman offices may be instituted by legislation, executive order, or by a child welfare agency. A children’s ombudsman can be an independent office or it may be created within the child welfare agency. (Adapted from the National Conference of State Legislatures)

Physical Abuse: Generally defined as “any nonaccidental physical injury to the child” and can include striking, kicking, burning, or biting the child, or any action that results in a physical impairment of the child. In approximately 38 States and certain territories, the definition of abuse also includes acts or circumstances that threaten the child with harm or create a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare.

Physical Neglect: Failure to provide for a child's basic survival needs, such as nutrition, clothing, shelter, hygiene, and medical care. Physical neglect may also involve inadequate supervision of a child and other forms of reckless disregard of the child's safety and welfare.

Psychological Maltreatment: A pattern of caregiver behaviors that negatively affect the child's cognitive, social, emotional, and/or physical development. These include acts of omission (ignoring need for social interactions) or commission (spurning, terrorizing). They may be verbal or nonverbal, active or passive, and with or without intent to harm. (Adapted from American Academy of Pediatrics)

Residential Services: Services that are provided within a residential treatment setting to support children, youth, or adults that struggle with psychological, behavioral, and/or substance use issues and require supportive services or treatment that are not available in a less secure or less restrictive environment. Time-limited services may include around-the-clock supervision and a variety of counseling, education, and therapy.

Residential Treatment Center: A time-limited, interdisciplinary, and therapeutic structured program with community linkages, provided through coordinated and specialized services and interventions. RTCs provide highly customized care to individuals following a community-based placement or more intensive intervention, with the aim of moving individuals toward a stable, less intensive level of care or independence. (Office of Refugee Resettlement)

Residential Treatment Facility: Structured, 24-hour facility that provides a range of therapeutic, educational, recreational, and support services for children by a professional, interdisciplinary team.

Respite Care Services: Short-term child care services intended for parents and other caregivers that offer temporary relief, improve family stability, and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect. Respite can be planned or offered during emergencies or times of crisis.

Short Term Guardianship: A type of guardianship granted to an individual who accepts care and custody of a minor for a defined amount of time, usually for one year or less, which authorizes him/her to exercise the full decision-making rights of a guardian. These rights include enrolling the child in school, allowing for participation in school and community activities, and consenting to the provision of medical care and treatment.

State Child Welfare Agency: Agency mandated to investigate and respond to reports of child abuse and neglect and intervene as needed to protect the children, in accordance with State laws. An agency is responsible for providing a range of services for children and families, including family preservation, child protection, out-of-home care, family reunification, and permanency planning.

Substantiated: An investigation disposition concluding that the allegation of child maltreatment or risk of maltreatment was supported by State law or policy, i.e., that credible evidence exists that child abuse or neglect has occurred. (Children's Bureau)

Unsubstantiated (Not Substantiated): An investigation disposition that determines that there is not sufficient or credible evidence under State law or policy to conclude that the child has been maltreated or is at serious risk of maltreatment. (Children's Bureau)



ICJ & CHILD WELFARE: A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

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Fact Sheets from the [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

- [How the Child Welfare System Works](#)
- [Making and Screening Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Differential Response: A Primer for Child Welfare Professionals](#)
- [Cross-Reporting Among Agencies that Respond to Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Understanding Child Welfare and the Courts](#)

Search Tools for State Specific Information

- [State Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Numbers](#)
- [State Child Welfare Laws](#)
- [Child Welfare State Complaint Offices \(Ombudsman\)](#)
- [Contact Information for Local and County Child Welfare Agencies](#)

State Danger Assessment/Criteria Resource Samples

- [The Danger Threshold and Impending Danger Threats to Child Safety \(WI, 2011\)](#)
- [Child Abuse Reporting: What Criteria Must Be Met? \(NY\)](#)
- [Impending Danger, Safety Threats and the Safety Threshold \(MT, 2015\)](#)
- [Safety Threshold \(WA, 2011\)](#)

Sample Policies and Resources from Child Welfare Agencies

- [Kentucky: Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency](#)
- [New Hampshire: Central Intake Screening](#)
- [Tennessee: Child Abuse Hotline Policy](#)
- [Utah: Child Protective Services Practice Guidelines](#)

Other Related Resources

- [Intersections of Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems \(OJJDP, 2021\)](#)
- [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange – Dual Status Youth](#)
- [Is there an Effective Practice Model for Serving Cross Over Youth? \(Case Family Programs, 2022\)](#)
- [Differential Response and the Safety of Children Reported to Child Protective Services: A Tale of Six States \(ASPE Research Brief, 2016\)](#)
- [National Runaway Safeline \(1-800-RUNAWAY\)](#)
- [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#)



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2023 - 2024 OFFICER CANDIDATES



COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

The chairperson calls and presides at all meetings of the Commission, and in conjunction with the Executive Committee prepares agendas and makes appointments to all committees, and, in accordance with the Commission's directions, or subject to ratification by the Commission, acts on the Commission's behalf during the interims between Commission meetings.

CANDIDATE

NINA BELLI, COMMISSIONER - OREGON



COMMISSION VICE CHAIRPERSON

In the absence or at the direction of the chairperson, the vice chairperson performs any or all of the duties of the chairperson. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chairperson, the vice chairperson serves as acting chairperson until the Commission elects a new chairperson. The vice chairperson may also undertake specific tasks and responsibilities as requested by the chairperson.

CANDIDATE

JULIE HAWKINS, COMMISSIONER - MISSOURI



COMMISSION TREASURER

The treasurer, with the assistance of the Executive Director, acts as the custodian of all Commission funds and is responsible for monitoring the administration of all fiscal policies and procedures set forth in the Compact or adopted by the Commission. Pursuant to the Compact, the treasurer will execute such bond as may be required by the Commission covering the treasurer, the Executive Director, and any other officers, Commission members and Commission personnel, as determined by the Commission, who may be responsible for the receipt, disbursement, or management of Commission funds.

CANDIDATES

DALE DODD, COMMISSIONER - NEW MEXICO

SHERRY JONES, COMMISSIONER - MARYLAND





ICJ NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS PROCESS

To broaden the pool of nominees and encourage more diversity in ICJ leadership positions, the ICJ Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice developed the following guidelines for the nomination and election of ICJ Officers, Regional Representatives, and Committee Chairpersons. The Executive Committee approved the process on July 15, 2021 and revised it on March 22, 2022. This process is intended to:

- Establish clearly defined procedures that promote diversity in leadership; and
- Ensure voting members have advance knowledge of candidates and their qualifications.

1. Commission Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer (One Year Term)

Advance Nominations Process

- The nomination period for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer opens no later than sixty (60) calendar days before the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The National Office will notify the Commission of the nomination period and provide a description of the roles and responsibilities for each position.
- Regional Representatives and Officers will help ensure a diverse pool of candidates by encouraging members to nominate themselves or others, during scheduled meetings, via email, and/or via other communications.
 - Only Commissioners & Full-Time Designees are eligible to be nominated and/or to make a nomination.
- Commissioners/Full-Time Designees may nominate themselves or another eligible member of the Commission. The National Office will contact nominees to advise them of the nomination and determine if they accept the nomination. Nominators will remain anonymous.
- Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter, resume/cv, and a Statement of Interest to the National Office.
- A candidate may be nominated for multiple offices. However, if they are elected into one office, they will not remain on the ballot for another officer position.
- The Statement of Interest (SOI) should address how the candidate's goals align with the ICJ Vision, Mission, Values, and Results, including racial equity. The SOI should be approximately 100-500 words in length, although longer statements will not be excluded. Questions to address include:
 - Why are you running?

- How does your candidacy align with the ICJ Vision, Mission, Values, and Results and commitment to racial equity?
- The National Office will compile and submit all documentation regarding advance nominations to Commissioners no later than thirty (30) calendar days before the Annual Business Meeting. Nominees will not be disclosed prior to this announcement.

Annual Business Meeting Process

- Regions will review the elections process and candidates.
- Regions will not vote to nominate candidates.
- Though advance nominations are encouraged, nominations from the floor will be accepted during the General Session.
- During the General Session, each candidate will address the Commission prior to voting for five (5) minutes or less. This reduces the need for person-to-person campaigning.
- Voting is conducted electronically by anonymous ballot, without the ability to write-in a candidate.

2. Regional Representatives (Two Year Terms)

Advance Nominations Process

- The nomination period for Regional Representatives opens no later than sixty (60) calendar days before the ABM, in years in which regional representatives are elected. The National Office will notify the Commission of the nomination period and provide a description of the roles and responsibilities for the position.
 - Only Commissioners & Full-Time Designees are eligible to be nominated.
- Commissioners/Full-Time Designees may nominate themselves or another eligible member of their region. The National Office will contact nominees to determine if they accept the nomination.
- Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter, resume/cv, and a Statement of Interest.
- The Statement of Interest (SOI) should address how the candidate's goals align with the ICJ Vision, Mission Values, and Results, including racial equity. The SOI should be approximately 100-500 words in length, although longer statements will not be excluded. Questions to address include:
 - Why are you running?
 - How does your candidacy align with the ICJ Vision, Mission, Values, and Results and commitment to racial equity?

- The National Office will compile and submit all nominee documentation to Commissioners no later than thirty (30) calendar days before the Annual Business Meeting.

Annual Business Meeting Process

- Regional Representatives (RR) generally lead Region Meetings, including elections, at the Annual Business Meeting. However, if a RR leads an election in which s/he is nominated, it can raise concerns about conflict of interest. Therefore, according to Robert's Rules,
 - If a RR is nominated, s/he will announce whether s/he accepts nomination.
 - If the RR accepts the nomination, then the RR must recuse him/herself.
 - The RR will identify an alternate to lead the election. The alternate cannot be a nominee or nominator for the RR position. Options include: an alternate RR, current Commission Officer, or National Office staff member.
- During the Regional Meeting, candidates will have up to five (5) minutes to address the region prior to voting.
- If there is only one (1) candidate for a position, no vote is necessary. The RR will affirm the candidate has been elected by acclamation.
- If there is more than one (1) candidate, a vote will be conducted by paper ballot or electronically by anonymous ballot without the ability to write-in a candidate.

3. Committee Chairpersons or Vice-Chairperson (One Year Term)

- Commission members who are interested in pursuing a chairperson or vice-chairperson position for one of the Commission's existing committees are encouraged to express their interest, in writing, to the National Office. No later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting, the National Office will provide an online mechanism to be used for this purpose.
 - Only Commissioners & Full-Time Designees are eligible to serve as a chairperson or vice-chairperson.
- Committees currently include: Compliance, Finance, Information Technology, Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Rules, and Training, Education, and Public Relations.
- The National Office will compile the relevant information and submit it to the recently elected officers.
- The Commission Chair will consider the submissions received when appointing the committee chairpersons.



NEW AND UPDATED RESOURCES

BEST PRACTICES

- [ICJ Transfer of Supervision: Communication Guidelines for Local Authorities with Juveniles/Family Members](#)
- [Direct Entry of Data into UNITY Data Fields](#)
- [Intrastate Relocations \(Updated\)](#)
- [Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families](#)

WEBSITE RESOURCES

- [Toolkit: Returns and Child Welfare](#)
- [New ICJ Website Resources Webpage](#)
- [New Proactive Monitoring Program Webpage](#)
- [Updated ICJ Form II](#)
- [Updated Rule Proposal Guide](#)
- [Revised Advisory Opinion - ICJ Limits on Issuance of Bail by Holding State](#)

AFTER HOURS INFO MATRIX

This resource was created for on-call responders who come into contact with out-of-state juveniles outside of regular business hours and includes states' protocols regarding who responds to juvenile intake matters when compact offices are closed.

TRAINING MATERIALS

New ICJ in Action LMS Courses

Over the past three years, members of the Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee worked in tandem with the National Office to develop content for a new series of LMS courses which combine the [ICJ Rules](#), [UNITY](#), and [forms](#) into practical courses by subject matter. The much-anticipated ICJ in Action courses walk learners through implementing the ICJ Rules in real life scenarios, executing quality reports from case examples, and performing tasks in UNITY.

- [Conducting Home Evaluations](#)
- [Reporting Quarterly Progress](#)
- [Reporting Violations](#)
- [Reporting Absconders](#)
- [Reporting Case Closures](#)

New Training Bulletin

- [Violation Reports Requesting Discharge or Revocation](#)

ICJ BENCH BOOK FOR JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL

This must-have legal treatise summarizes ICJ Rules, case law, and procedures for returning runaways and transferring supervision across state lines. The updated version reflects efforts to provide additional guidance related to key topics, such as intersections with abuse, neglect, and human trafficking. Includes links to: ICJ Rules, Advisory Opinions, White Papers, Process Charts, and much more!



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RENAISSANCE MOBILE RIVERVIEW PLAZA

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Newly Elected Officers and Regional Representatives Work Session Agenda

Sheraton Salt Lake City
North Star Room
September 27, 2023
4:45 pm MST



Welcome – *MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director*

Next Steps (to complete in October)

- Survey 2023 ABM attendees – *National Office*
- Appoint Committee Chairs – *Commission Chair*
- Schedule Region Meetings – *Region Reps & National Office*
- Recruit committee volunteers – *Region Reps, Committee Chairs, New Officers*
- Establish committees – *Commission Chair, Committee Chairs, National Office*
- Schedule Committee Meetings – *Committee Chairs, National Office*

Resources

- [ICJ Executive Committee Handbook](#)

Proposed Schedule for Executive Committee Meetings

- Generally, 4th Thursday of each month, 12-2 ET
- Modifications due to holidays
 - November 16, 2023
 - December 14, 2023
- September 23 – 25, 2024– Annual Business Meeting in Mobile, AL

Adjourn



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Nina Belli

Commission Chairperson

Oregon ICJ Commissioner

Nina Belli serves as the Juvenile Interstate Compact (ICJ) Commissioner and Deputy Compact Administrator for Oregon. She has been employed by the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) since 2018 and currently serves as Chairperson of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. She has worked in diverse juvenile justice systems by overseeing and conducting the daily operations of two states ICJ offices in two separate regions over the course of eight years: those

being the Ohio and Oregon ICJ Offices. Ms. Belli served as Ohio's ICJ Commissioner from 2014-2018. During her time with OYA, Ms. Belli has assisted in drafting legislation within the state of Oregon as well as various state policies in both Oregon and Ohio to ensure their state's compliance with ICJ. Ms. Belli currently serves on the Oregon Department of Justice Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee. Ms. Belli served for four years as the Midwest Region Representative and served on the Executive Committee in that role. In addition, Ms. Belli has also served as Commission Vice Chairperson, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, and as the Alternate West Region Representative. Ms. Belli has conducted and participated in numerous ICJ trainings and seminars with juvenile courts, state juvenile justice departments, law enforcement, and social service agencies. Prior to her work with ICJ, Ms. Belli served as a Victim Advocate and as a Court and Agency Investigator at the city, county, and state levels of government. Ms. Belli is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work.



Caitlyn Bickford

East Regional Representative/Rules Committee Vice Chairperson

New Hampshire ICJ Commissioner/Deputy Compact Administrator

Caitlyn Bickford is the Commissioner and Deputy Compact Administrator for the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families Interstate Office. Caitlyn began her career with NH DCYF in 2007 as a Child Protective Service Worker (CPSW) in a local district office, working closely with families with a substantiated finding of abuse or neglect in order to reunify children with their

parents, or assisting the parents with maintaining their children in their home. Caitlyn then worked



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as a Permanency CPSW, focusing on achieving sustainable permanency for children that were legally free for adoption. From there, she was promoted to the position of Permanency Supervisor within that local office, where she supervised a staff of 6-8 workers, along with ensuring a sustained attention on permanency for all of the children within that local office. After 4-years as a Supervisor, Caitlyn then accepted a position within NH DCYF's State Office as the Deputy Compact Administrator for the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) in 2017. At that time, ICJ was being managed by another position within State Office. Caitlyn advocated for ICPC and ICJ to be under the same position given the similarities and unique crossover there often is, especially given Child Protection and Juvenile Justice are both within NH DCYF. Caitlyn became the Commissioner and DCA for ICJ in 2018. Her position continued to expand in 2018 with the addition of a specific home study unit responsible for completing all incoming ICPC Home Studies, which she supervises and oversees. Caitlyn's position once again expanded when began overseeing the Human Trafficking program in 2020. As the Interstate Programs Administrator of New Hampshire, Caitlyn oversees ICPC, ICJ and the Human Trafficking Program Specialist.



Trissie Casanova

Rules Committee

Vermont ICJ Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator

Trissie Casanova, LICSW serves as the ICJ/ICPC Deputy Compact Administrator and Human Trafficking Consultant for the State of Vermont. She has served within these roles for the last six years. Ms. Casanova has worked for the Vermont Department for Children and Families Family Services Division for 20 years, in that time she has worked as a child protection worker, juvenile probation officer and child protection investigator. She sits on Vermont's Human Trafficking Task Force Training & Outreach Committee, she co-chairs a Human Trafficking MDT in Vermont's largest county and co-chairs DCF's

Human Trafficking Work Group that helped develop DCF's screening tool to screen for risk of sex trafficking. Ms. Casanova obtained her Master's in Social Work at the University of Vermont and her undergraduate degree in Psychology at St. Michael's College.



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Mike Casey

Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Vice Chairperson

Delaware ICJ Commissioner/Compact Administrator

Mike Casey is the Compact Administrator for the State of Delaware (ICPC, ICJ and ICAMA). Mike began his career in juvenile justice in 1990, serving for 12 years as a counselor in a residential care setting. Mike spent the following 15 years gaining extensive child welfare experience with the Division of Family Services as both a case manager and supervisor in the Adolescent Treatment/Permanency Unit. Mike joined the Interstate Compact Unit in 2017 and in 2020, was promoted to supervisor of the Liaison Services Team, which includes the Interstate Compact Unit and Statewide Family Court Liaison Unit. Mike currently serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Commission's Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, serves on the AAICAMA Executive Board as member at large, and previously served on the AAICPC Executive Committee as member at large.



Abbie Christian

Training Session Panelist

Nebraska ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator

Abbie Christian has served as the Nebraska Deputy Compact Administrator for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles since 2016. She has also served as the Interstate Compact Transfer Specialist in the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation since 2013. In 2001, Abbie graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Abbie began her work as a community corrections professional in 2003, working as a Probation Officer where she was offered the opportunity to conduct court investigations, supervise individuals on probation, and engage in the day-to-day work of interstate compact. Abbie's passion for interstate compact led her to Lincoln and a position with the Administrative Office. Abbie has been honored on both a state and a national level. In 2018, she was recognized as the Nebraska Judicial Branch Outstanding Administrative Employee. In 2019, she received the ICJ Leadership award for her devotion and commitment to the philosophy and principles of the ICJ. Abbie has served on the ICJ Technology Committee, the Compliance Committee, and as the team leader of the Business Analysis team which was tasked with assisting in the development of ICJ's new data system, UNITY. Most recently, Abbie has also served as a member of the UNITY Enhancement subcommittee. In



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Nebraska, Abbie serves as a resource for administrative staff, district management, field staff, and other justice stakeholders. She has created processes and initiatives that streamline and focus the work of officers transferring youth within the state of Nebraska to ensure the needs of families and youth are met even during transition periods.



Corrie Copeland

Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chairperson

Tennessee ICJ Commissioner/Deputy Compact Administrator

Corrie Copeland is employed with the Tennessee Department of Children Services and is currently the Tennessee Commissioner for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) within the Office of Juvenile Justice. She reviews and processes interstate probation/parole cases and returns youth who run, abscond, and escape from their state of jurisdiction. Ms. Copeland has been with the department for 21 years and has served in various positions throughout her career. Currently, as the ICJ Commissioner, she is tasked with ensuring the rules of the Compact are followed by providing daily oversight and training various stakeholders. She currently chairs the Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee and previously served as the Finance Committee Chair for two years. She also serves on the ICJ Executive Committee Board, which oversees the Compact and makes decisions on behalf of the Commission. She previously served on committees such as the Compliance Committee and Racial Justice Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Copeland also participates in the South Region ICJ workgroup. It addresses interstate issues affecting the Southern region and ICJ stakeholders. Ms. Copeland obtained her undergraduate degree in History from Fisk University and a Master's in Public Service Management from Cumberland University.



Roy Curtis

Training Session Panelist

Maine ICJ Commissioner/Deputy Compact Administrator

Roy Curtis has been with the Maine Department of Corrections for 26 years, after completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from the University of Southern Maine. Roy currently serves as a Regional Correctional Manager for Juvenile Field Services where he works closely with local Community Corrections Officers and Stakeholders covering three Counties. Roy has served on Executive Committee for the Juvenile Restorative Justice Council, as well as the



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Department of Corrections Restorative Justice Committee. Roy has been working within the Interstate Commission for Juveniles since 2018 and currently serves as the Deputy Compact Administrator and ICJ Commissioner for the State of Maine. Over the past five years, Roy has worked to enhance the ICJ State Council as well as ICJ protocols within the Department of Corrections. For the past two years, Roy has been part of the Technology Committee, most recently serving as Vice-Chair. Previously, Roy served on the Rules Committee as well as the Unity User Acceptance Team.



Felicia Dauway

South Regional Representative

South Carolina ICJ Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator

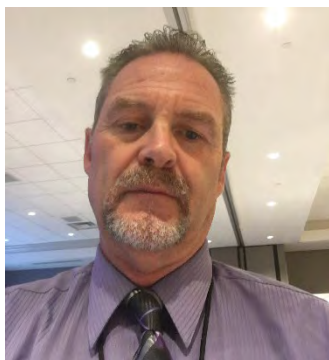
Felicia L. Dauway is the Associate Deputy for Community Justice at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ). In her role as Associate Deputy, she serves as Deputy Compact Administrator and full-time Designee for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. In addition, she oversees several areas including Statewide Arbitration, Restitution, Prevention & Intervention, Teen After School Programs (TASC) Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI)

and all community agency initiatives. She received her B.A. from Claflin University. She has worked at various state agencies over the years including the South Carolina Governor's Office and the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the Director of Victim Services for SCDJJ. Felicia is a board member for the non-profit Lighthouse for Life which is the only human trafficking shelter in the state of South Carolina. Felicia was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Office of Victims Services Education & Certification now known as the Department of Crime Victim Services Training, Provider Certification, and Statistical Analysis. Felicia has served as an instructor for state organizations, victim services and criminal justice organizations, including the National Institute of Justice Conference, South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, and Annual Victims' Rights Week Conferences, among others. She loves volunteering especially with her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



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Dale Dodd

Finance Committee Chairperson

New Mexico ICJ Commissioner/Deputy Compact Administrator

Dale Dodd is the current Commissioner of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles Office in the State of New Mexico. Prior to taking this position in 2002, he worked as a Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer in New Mexico since 1998. Dale's experience includes working with juveniles in both California and New Mexico as a Juvenile Detention Center supervisor as well as a manager of a residential treatment facility in California before moving to New Mexico. An active member of the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators, Dale also served three terms on the Executive Board and numerous other Committees. Dale has served as the West Region Representative for eight years, the Compliance Committee chair and chair of the Sex Offender Ad Hoc committee. Dale has served on every committee for the commission. Dale currently serves as the Finance Committee Chair and is a member of the Executive Committee for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles.



Judge Susan H. Eisenman

Welcome Speaker

Presiding Judge of the Third District Juvenile Court, Utah State Courts

Judge Susan H. Eisenman was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in July 2017 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Eisenman graduated in 1990 from the University of California-Berkeley with a B.A. in English and received a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1994. She worked as a parental defender, a guardian ad litem, and as assistant attorney general for the child protection division at the Utah Attorney General Office, later moving to provide legal services to the Department of Human Services Executive Director. In 2013, she was promoted to Division Director of the State Agency Counsel Division. Judge Eisenman has been a mentor to new lawyers, and serves on the Utah State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision, the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and the Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Advisory Council. Previously, Judge Eisenman served as the Associate Presiding Judge of the Third District Juvenile Court, prior to her current role as Presiding Judge of the Third District Juvenile Court.



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Charles Frieberg

Midwest Regional Representative

South Dakota ICJ Commissioner

Charles Frieberg started his career in the criminal justice system in September of 1993 as a probation officer. His first duty station was in Lake Andes where he stayed for two years before he was assigned to the office in Yankton, South Dakota. In his capacity as a probation officer, he supervised both an adult and juvenile caseload. In 2010 Charles was appointed the Chief Court Services Officer for the First Judicial Circuit of South Dakota. He was implemental in bringing a Drug Court to two areas in his jurisdiction. He supervised a staff of 25 people which covered 14 counties in the southeastern portion of South Dakota. In 2016 Charles was appointed the Director of Court Services and is now living in Pierre, SD. He earned his BA in Criminal Justice from the University of South Dakota, graduating in 1993. He has raised six children who are all grown and are living in South Dakota and Colorado. He enjoys being with his family, golfing and reading.



Raymundo Gallardo

Training Session Moderator

Utah Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator

Raymundo Gallardo is the Deputy Compact Administrator and Designee for the State of Utah's Interstate Compact for Juveniles Office. Prior to joining the Utah ICJ Office in 2017, Raymundo served as a juvenile probation officer in the Fourth District Juvenile Court in Provo, Utah, for five years. During this period, Raymundo was a member of the Utah Juvenile Court's Probation Officer Safety Committee and trained probation officers in safety tactics. Raymundo began his career in public service as a wildland firefighter for the state of Utah, where for five years he traveled across the Western US battling wildfires as a member of a wildland firefighting crew. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Utah Valley University.



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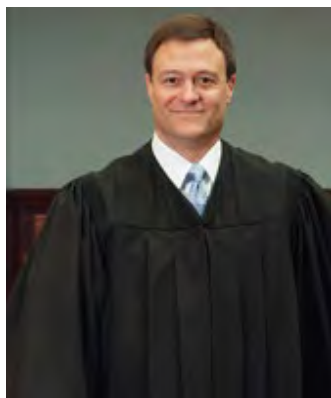


Julie Hawkins

**Commission Vice Chairperson/Rules
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Judge Robert R. Hofmann

**National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
President-Elect**

Judge Hofmann began his career of public service for the state of Texas in 1996, now serving as judge of the 452nd Judicial District in five Hill Country counties. In 2018, Judge Hofmann was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to serve as Jurist in Residence for the Children's Commission and later that year received the Texas CASA Judicial Leadership Award. He has served Texas as a judicial representative at several national summits. He has been formally recognized by Education Reach for Texans for his work to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care and was named the 2011 Texas CASA Judge of the Year. Judge Hofmann speaks often and works on numerous projects related to improving the child welfare system. He is a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas and Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Judge Hofmann graduated from Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University School of Law. He and his wife are former foster parents and have two children.



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Stephen Horton

Rules Committee Chairperson

North Carolina ICJ Commissioner

Stephen Horton is the Commissioner for North Carolina and the Deputy Compact Administrator for the North Carolina ICJ Office with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety; Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He has served as DCA since 2014 and has over 13 years of service with the North Carolina ICJ office. He was appointed Commissioner in 2021. He obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Appalachian State University in 1996. Mr. Horton began his career in juvenile justice over 24 years ago and has worked as a Court Counselor, Court Counselor Supervisor, and as a Staff Development Specialist. Stephen is an adjunct General Instructor for North Carolina and holds Specialized Instructor certifications in Restraint, Control, and Defensive Tactics (self-defense) and Wellness and Fitness. He has chaired the Rules Committee for the past two years during this "rules promulgation cycle." Stephen also serves on the Training Committee. Beyond work, he likes spending his time outdoors.



Tracy Hudrlik

Rules Committee

Minnesota ICJ Commissioner

Tracy Hudrlik is currently the ICAOS Commissioner/Deputy Compact Administrator and the ICJ Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Corrections. In this role, she is responsible to provide statewide direction, planning and coordination of all activities related to the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and Interstate Compact on Juveniles. She is the primary liaison between the Department of Corrections and the courts, corrections agencies, attorneys, law enforcement, compact staff across the country and other agencies with regard to the Interstate Compact process. She serves on the ICJ Rules Committee and the ICAOS Training Committee. Tracy has worked in the field of corrections for over 30 years, holding positions in both Minnesota and Wisconsin ranging from Probation and Parole Agent to Interstate Compact Commissioner.



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Tasha Hunt

Commission Immediate Past Chairperson

Connecticut ICJ Commissioner

Ms. Tasha M. Hunt is the Director of Operations of Juvenile Probation Services for the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division. She began her career with the Judicial Branch 26 years ago as a Juvenile Probation Officer and rose through the ranks to become the Director of Operations for Juvenile Probation Services. Ms. Hunt is responsible for the management and operations of the eleven Juvenile Probation offices across Connecticut. She is committed to integrating evidence-based practices in probation offices to improve outcomes for court-involved youth. Ms. Hunt has played an integral role in Connecticut's reform of the juvenile justice system, which has led to progressive change and the state acquiring recognition as a national model. In addition to managing Juvenile Probation, Ms. Hunt serves as the Immediate Past Chair of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles, the national governing body of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, which is responsible for the supervision and transfer of juveniles on probation and parole who move across state lines or run away to another state. Ms. Hunt also serves as Connecticut's Commissioner of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Ms. Hunt has served on several statewide committees and task forces. Currently, she represents the agency on the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Incarceration Workgroup, Improving Outcomes for Youth Subcommittee, Governor's Task Force on Justice for Abused Children, and local initiatives focused on youth homelessness and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. Ms. Hunt has been recognized for her personal and professional contributions. She won the Connecticut Secretary of the State's "Public Service Award"; was named among the "Zeta 100," a unique collective of members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, spanning professions and chosen for their career accomplishments, leadership, and dedication to their fields; the "Distinguished Service and Outstanding Leadership Award" from Oriental Lodge #6 Free & Accepted Masons Prince Hall, and she was recently awarded the Diane Randall Leadership Award for her leadership and innovative methods of tackling homelessness for minors experiencing housing instability. Ms. Hunt earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and a Master of Science Degree in Education from Southern Connecticut State University where she also became a member and chartered undergraduate and graduate chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. She continues to serve the community as an Ambassador for the Lupus Foundation of America. Ms. Hunt is also an adjunct professor at the University of New Haven in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences where she teaches juvenile justice and was recently appointed to the Connecticut State Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board.



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Commission Treasurer/Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chairperson

Maryland ICJ Commissioner/Deputy Compact Administrator

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Holly Kassube

Training Session Presenter

Illinois Probation ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator

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Edwin Lee, Jr.

Rules Committee

New Jersey ICJ Designee

Mr. Edwin Lee was appointed as New Jersey's Director of Juvenile Parole & Transitional Services for the Juvenile Justice Commission in April 2013. In these capacities, Mr. Lee has established and implemented operational policies, monitored and evaluated program performance, developed programs, and maintained a close working relationship with community partners. As part of Mr. Lee's existing relationship with the juvenile justice system, he serves as a member

of the NJ Governor's State Advisory Group for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; as a representative to the statewide Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement; as a designee for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles; and as a member of the NJ Supreme Court Committee for Minority Concerns. Immediately prior to his joining the Juvenile Justice Commission, Mr. Lee also served as chair of the NJ Conference of Chief Probation Officers Juvenile Managers Committee. In his current duties as Director of Juvenile Parole & Transitional Services, Mr. Lee is responsible for eight offices statewide and staff comprised of Parole Officers, Community Program Specialists, Social Workers, Substance Abuse Counselors, Assistant District Parole Supervisors, Regional Parole Supervisors, and support staff as they supervise and assist juvenile parolees' transition upon release from a Juvenile Justice Commission facility into their home communities. This professional and community experience provides him with a unique understanding of the challenges that face both probationers and parolees as well as officers, supervisors, staff, families, and community partners statewide.



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Rick Masters

Legal Counsel

Rick Masters is General Counsel to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles providing legal guidance concerning the compact and its administrative rules, including application and enforcement, to the member state commissioners of ICJ and other state officials. Masters is also a recognized subject matter expert in the field of interstate compacts and provides legal advice to several other compact governing boards and agencies including the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure

Compact Administrators. He frequently testifies before state legislative committees concerning a wide variety of compact legislation and has also provided testimony to the U.S. Congress concerning compact consent legislation and related interstate compact legal issues. Masters has been counsel of record in a number of federal and state cases involving important interstate compact issues including a recent amicus brief filed with the Supreme Court of the United States resulting in a decision reaffirming the contractual nature of compacts in *New York v. New Jersey*, 143 S. Ct. 918 (2023) and a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth (10th) Circuit in *EnergySolutions, LLC v. State of Utah, et. al.*, 625 F. 3d 1261 (2010) upholding the validity of the regional low-level radioactive waste compacts to which most of the states are members. Masters has also been involved in extensive research and writing in the field of interstate compacts and has published a wide variety of law review articles, bench books used by state court judges, and other publications concerning the law and use of interstate compacts. He is also the co-author of the most comprehensive compilation of legal authorities and commentary on the subject published by the American Bar Association in 2016 entitled *The Evolving Law and Use of Interstate Compacts: A Practitioner's Guide*, 2d ed. Masters received his Juris Doctorate from the Brandeis School of Law of the University of Louisville and his B.A. from Asbury University. He is a former Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and also served as General Counsel to the Council of State Governments. He was also appointed by the Governor to serve a four (4) year term as a member of the Executive Branch Ethics Commission.



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Judy Miller

Rules Committee

Arkansas ICJ Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator

Judy Miller is the ICJ Designee and Deputy Administrator with the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services in Arkansas. She attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She began working for the State of Arkansas in 1972 in the Interstate Compact on Juveniles Office. In 1979, she took on the additional duties as Deputy Administrator of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) with the Division of Children and Family Services. In July 2000 she transferred to the Division of Youth Services and currently handles the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Judy previously served as the Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee and as an Executive Board Member of the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators (AJCA). She currently serves on the Rules Committee and Information Technology Committee. Judy is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and is very involved with the Humane Society in Little Rock. Ms. Miller was the 2022 recipient of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles Leadership Award.



Brooke Montelongo

Training Session Panelist

Colorado ICJ Commissioner/Deputy Compact Administrator

Brooke Montelongo is the ICJ Commissioner and Deputy Compact Administrator for the State of Colorado. She brings to her position over 10 years of combined experience with county and state agencies. Her background in Human Services and as a Juvenile Parole Officer has led her to develop a passion for serving others in her community. She is an outspoken advocate for efforts concerning Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Her primary focus in working with youth and families is always, "What is in the best interest of the youth?" Brooke resides in Fort Collins, CO with her husband, son, and two fur children.



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Jacey Rader

Compliance Committee Chairperson

Nebraska ICJ Commissioner

Jacey Rader was appointed as Assistant Deputy Administrator of the Administration & Operations Division in May of 2018. Jacey serves as the Deputy Compact Administrator for the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) and as the Commissioner of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles in the State of Nebraska. Jacey graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 2002 and has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She began her career with probation in 2004, and served as a probation officer until 2013, when she was promoted to Compliance Officer with the Administrative Office of Probation. In 2014, she was appointed to the Deputy Compact Administrator position with the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. In 2020, Jacey received the Nebraska Supreme Court Employee of the Year award and was elected as the ICJ Commission Chair and served for two years. Jacey has served as the Compliance Committee Chair for the ICJ in 2018, 2019, 2022, and 2023.



Daniel Rich

Training Session Panelist

Utah CPS Program Administrator

Daniel Rich has been with the Utah Division of Child and Family Services for 18 years. In that time, Dan has worked as a frontline line worker doing both CPS investigations and ongoing services with families, as a supervisor of an investigation team, and had the opportunity to provide training to new employees and community partners, first as a trainer and then as a training manager. Currently, Dan is serving as the State CPS Program Administrator and enjoys the chance to collaborate with many individuals throughout the state and the country on how to better serve families and the community.



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Dr. LaMarr Shields

Keynote Speaker

Author/Inspirational Speaker

Dr. LaMarr Darnell Shields is a bilingual author, Ubuntu teacher, inspirational speaker, social entrepreneur, and thought leader who has appeared on NPR, ABC, NBC, CNN, and BET. As the Co-Founder and Senior Director of Education and Innovation at the Cambio Group, Dr. Shields works with individuals and organizations to amplify their communication, connection, and confidence so they can take meaningful action to challenge inequities, health care disparities, gender inequality, to care for all. Dr. Shields brings his years of experience as a former professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Education to his engaging keynotes that share practical strategies. Dr. Shields is a special advisor to the National Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Equity and the recipient of the Warnock Foundation's 2015 Social Innovator Award and the 2021 Civil Rights and Social Justice Award from the National Civil Rights Foundation. Dr. Shields' down-to-earth humor compels audiences to laugh while they learn. He engages groups from the moment he steps in front of them and leaves them with empowering tools and focused mindsets that they will use long after the lights have gone out on the event. Dr. Shields is passionate about serving people, health and wellness, combating inequities, and leadership. He is especially inspired to help people take their careers – and themselves – to unprecedented levels.



Kellianne Torres

Information Technology Committee Chairperson

Iowa ICJ Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator

Kellianne Torres serves as the Deputy Compact Administrator and Full Time Designee for Iowa. She received her Bachelor's in Social Work from Tarleton State University in 2009. Ms. Torres started her career working for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in 2009 as a conservatorship caseworker with Child Protective Services. She quickly moved into supervision where she gained experience supervising units in multiple program areas before moving into a training supervisor position. She returned to her home state of Iowa in 2016 where she continued working in child welfare as a social work supervisor. Ms. Torres transitioned into the DCA position in August of 2019. She currently serves as the Chairperson of the Information Technology Committee and been part of several sub committees with the Commission.



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Michael Tymkew

Rules Committee

Michigan ICJ Commissioner

Michael Tymkew currently serves as the Interstate Compact for Juveniles Commissioner for the State of Michigan within the Department of Health and Human Services. Michael has worked for the State of Michigan since 2010 during which time he has been involved in a variety of child welfare service along with adult probation. Michael received a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Central Michigan University. Michael currently serves on the ICJ Rules Committee and the ICJ Finance Committee.



Jessica Wald

Training Session Presenter

North Dakota Deputy Compact Administrator

Jessica Wald was born and raised in North Dakota. She graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in psychology. Jessica has been working with juvenile justice youth in numerous capacities for 24 years. She has been employed with the Division of Juvenile Services under the North Dakota Department of Corrections for the past 14 years. She has been the Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA) for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) for the past seven years. Within ICJ, Jessica is part of the Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee, Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and a mentor for the ICJ Mentorship Program. As the DCA for the state of North Dakota, Jessica is responsible for staff training and oversees the compliance of the ICJ rules. She collaborates with other agencies within North Dakota as well as other compact offices across the Nation to ensure that youth involved in the juvenile justice system are safely relocating, returning, and traveling to other states in compliance with the rules of ICJ. Community safety and the safety and success of the youth that fall under ICJ are accomplished through collaboration and communication. Within North Dakota, Jessica is part of the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force and works closely with its members to identify and assist in investigations and safety plans for ICJ runaways that may have been exposed to human trafficking. Jessica provides training to numerous agencies on the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, The Juvenile Justice System: Law Enforcements Handling of Youth, and Mental Health and Juvenile Justice.



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Deborah Wood

Training Session Panelist

Assistant Attorney General, Utah Attorney General's Office

Deborah A. Wood is an Assistant Attorney General in the Utah Attorney General's Office and has been with the office for over 25 years. Deborah currently holds the position of Deputy Director of the Child Protection Division, which is the largest division in the Attorney General's office and covers the entire state. The Child Protection Division is dedicated to the representation of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in all matters, in and out of court. In this current position, Deborah advises DCFS on policy, legislative, case

specific, records access, and operational/practice issues. Prior to her position as Deputy Director, Deborah was a trial attorney representing DCFS in the juvenile court in the Fourth and Third Districts for over 20 years. Before law school, Deborah enjoyed a career in banking dealing with branch operations and legal/regulatory compliance.



Howard Wykes

West Regional Representative

Arizona ICJ Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator

Howard Wykes began his career in the juvenile justice field in 2001, working as a youth correctional officer for the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections. He has always enjoyed working with juveniles and felt this was a way for him to provide wisdom that could lead to opportunities for the juveniles. In 2004, Howard was promoted to Parole Officer and got the opportunity to have a more direct impact on the juveniles in the system. This was also his first exposure to ICJ as a supervising field officer. In 2014, Howard was promoted to Parole

Supervisor which enabled him the opportunity to have a greater reach on the number of juveniles he was coming into contact with. He has since transitioned from field supervision of juveniles to mentoring those doing the field supervision of ICJ youth. This offered a chance to share his experience and lessons learned from his time in the field. In 2019, Howard was promoted into an administrative position including taking over as the Deputy Compact Administrator for the Arizona ICJ office. He attended his first ABM that year in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he loved meeting other ICJ practitioners from around the country. Howard got further involved with ICJ by serving on an Ad Hoc committee, the Training Committee, Technology Committee, and Rules Committee. In 2022, Howard was appointed the Arizona ICJ Full Time Designee and was elected as the Western Region Rep at the 2022 ABM in Vermont.



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Jennifer Baer

Interstate Coordinator, Idaho

Jennifer (Jen) Baer currently serves as the Interstate Coordinator in the Idaho Interstate Compact for Juveniles office within the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Jen started working for the state of Idaho and the ICJ in 2008 as an Administrative Assistant. She was the first person employed in a newly created position that expanded the Idaho ICJ office from a one-person to a dedicated two-person ICJ office. In November 2013, Jen was reclassified as an Interstate Coordinator after demonstrating proficiency in understanding and applying Compact rules, law, and policy. In 2014, Jen was recognized by Executive Chair, Pat Pendergast, for her idea that resulted in the development of the Staff Recognition honor at the 2014 Annual Business Meeting. She has held ex-officio positions on the Rules, Compliance, and Training Committees. Jen is a proud veteran of the United States Coast Guard and has worked for multiple non-profit organizations. She has a passion for the mission of the ICJ and believes that we all play an important part in serving our communities.

Maxine Baggett

Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator, Mississippi

Maxine Baggett, Interstate Compact Designee for Mississippi was involved with the Association for Juvenile Compact Administrators (AJCA) from 2000 until the inception of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles where she currently serves. Ms. Baggett oversees the handling of the daily operations of ICJ cases for Mississippi's eighty-two (82) counties. Ms. Baggett currently serves on the Information Technology Committee. She has also served on the Ad Hoc Committee for Human Trafficking and the Ad Hoc Committee for Racial Justice. Ms. Baggett is known by her peers as a subject matter expert across the United States.

Amanda Behe

Interstate Compact Specialist, Pennsylvania

Amanda Behe joined the Pennsylvania Interstate Compact Office in 2001. Prior to that, she worked in the field as an Early Intervention County Caseworker.



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Lisa Bjergaard

Commissioner, North Dakota

Lisa J. Bjergaard serves as the Director of the North Dakota Division of Juvenile Services, a position she has held since September, 2006. The Division of Juvenile Services is a division of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. In this capacity, she is responsible for overseeing the operations of the state's juvenile corrections agency, as well as serving as North Dakota's Commissioner for the Interstate Commission on Juveniles. North Dakota became the first state to sign the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles into law when Governor John Hoeven signed HB 1254 on March 13, 2003. The new compact reached the 35-state threshold in 2007, and Lisa attended the first convening in December. She served as chair of the Finance Committee from 2009-2012, and also served on the Rules Committee. Lisa was appointed by Governor Doug Burgum to chair the newly formed Commission on Juvenile Justice in 2019. She was reappointed by Legislative Management in 2021 and 2023.

Kathy Christenson

Deputy Compact Administrator, South Dakota

Kathy Christenson received a bachelor's degree in Sociology & Criminal Justice in 1993. It was always her desire to work in the court system. In 1994, she was afforded that opportunity when she was hired as a probation officer by the Unified Judicial System in Pierre, South Dakota where she supervised both adult & juvenile offenders on probation supervision. In 2005, she became the Court Services Program Coordinator switching her focus from assisting probation clients to assisting probation staff, which also includes compact operations for adult probation as well as juvenile probation & parole. She was appointed as South Dakota's ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator in 2011. Kathy and her husband Bryan enjoy traveling, playing golf, and spending time with their two red Labs.

Debra Holcomb

Program Coordinator, Arkansas

Debra Devine Holcomb is a lifetime resident of Arkansas. She's been employed with the Arkansas Department of Human Services for 36 years; 15 of those years have been as a Program Coordinator in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles Unit – Division of Youth Services. She is a proud mother and grandmother. She loves attending church activities, yardwork, and watching suspense/thriller movies.



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Dale Dodd

Commissioner, New Mexico

Dale Dodd is the current Commissioner of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles Office in the State of New Mexico. Prior to taking this position in 2002, he worked as a Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer in New Mexico since 1998. Dale's experience includes working with juveniles in both California and New Mexico as a Juvenile Detention Center supervisor as well as a manager of a residential treatment facility in California before moving to New Mexico. An active member of the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators, Dale also served three terms on the Executive Board and numerous other Committees. Dale has served as the West Region Representative for eight years, the Compliance Committee chair and chair of the Sex Offender Ad Hoc committee. Dale has served on every committee for the commission. Dale currently serves as the Finance Committee Chair and is a member of the Executive Committee for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles.

Cheryl Frost

Interstate Compact Coordinator, South Dakota

Cheryl F. Frost began working for State Government on April 24, 1980. She has worked for the Department of Revenue, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, and the Unified Judicial System, which is the position she is in now. Her position as the Interstate Compact Coordinator is a very challenging job, but it is also very rewarding, and she is so thankful to the three people who interviewed her and saw her potential and offered her the job. Cheryl and her husband Dan have three children and five grandchildren. Her favorite past-times are crafts, camping, and her most favorite is watching their grandchildren play softball, soccer, and swim team.

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Jovay Jackson

Compact Office Staff, Arizona

Jovay Jackson started in April 1997 working as a volunteer with Dave Lawrence. She moved up to temporary employee and then to full time employee on June 16, 1997. Ms. Jackson has worked for Interstate Compact for 26 years, starting before JIDS and way before UNITY. Ms. Jackson remembers the old days when everyone would bring a state mug to the Annual Business Meetings to exchange with others. Ms. Jackson said, "I have seen Interstate go through a lot of changes with favorite staff leaving and new ones coming on board. I am not a fan of change, but I seem to have weathered all the changes so far."

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Judy Miller

Designee/Deputy Compact Administrator, Arkansas

Judy Miller is the ICJ Designee and Deputy Administrator with the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services in Arkansas. She attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She began working for the State of Arkansas in 1972 in the Interstate Compact on Juveniles Office. In 1979, she took on the additional duties as Deputy Administrator of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) with the Division of Children and Family Services. In July 2000 she transferred to the Division of Youth Services and currently handles the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Judy previously served as the Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee and as an Executive Board Member of the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators (AJCA). She currently serves on the Rules Committee and Information Technology Committee. Judy is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and is very involved with the Humane Society in Little Rock. Ms. Miller was the 2022 recipient of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles Leadership Award.



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Natalie Mwaniki

Interstate Compact Specialist, Pennsylvania

Natalie (Primak) Mwaniki has been with the Pennsylvania ICJ since 2006. Prior to the ICJ, Natalie was a caseworker for Juniata County Children and Youth Services.

Nita Wright

Deputy Compact Administrator, Indiana

Nita Wright is the Interstate Compact Supervisor for Indiana's Adult & Juvenile Compacts for probation and is appointed Deputy Compact Administrator for the Juvenile Compact. Mrs. Wright received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University. She has been employed with Indiana Supreme Court's, Office of Court Services – Justice Services Division, for 25 years. In her current role, she supervises the compact office's team of specialists and serves as liaison between national compact states, Indiana's local county courts, and probation departments. Nita facilitates reporting instructions, manages the transfer process of sex offender probation cases, and administers the return of runaways, escapees, absconders, and accused delinquents. Nita Wright is also a professional photographer who volunteers her services to the court's media team, helping to memorialize conference events and judicial headshots for media publications. She reminds you to always smile for her candid camera because just like the runaways, she's determined to get her return whether it's voluntary or involuntary.



EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

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What is an Ex Officio Member?

“Ex officio” is a Latin phrase that translates as “from the office.” “Ex officio” refers to the position as a whole rather than the individual who holds the position.

The Compact specifically calls for Ex Officio members and designates the minimum requirements for who these representatives should be:

“Such non-commissioner members must include a member of the national organizations of governors, legislators, state chief justices, attorneys general, Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children, juvenile justice and juvenile corrections officials, and crime victims. All non-commissioner members of the Interstate Commission shall be an ex officio (non-voting) member.

The Interstate Commission may provide in its [bylaws](#) for such additional ex officio (non-voting) members, including members of national organizations, in such numbers as shall be determined by the commission.”

Ex Officio Members in attendance at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting:

- [Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#) (AAICPC)
- [Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators](#) (CJJA)
- [Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision](#) (ICAOS)
- [National Children’s Advocacy Center](#) (NCAC)
- [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ)
- [National Partnership for Juvenile Services](#) (NPJS)
- [National Runaway Safeline](#) (NRS)



EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

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Organization	Ex Officio Member	Title	Additional Representatives
Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC)	Karen Sparacino, Colorado Compact Administrator	Division of Child Welfare, Colorado Department of Human Services	Carla Fults Director, Interstate Affairs and Compact Operations
Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA)	Dawn Mario Rubio , Member of Board of Directors <i>*via livestream</i>	State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Washington Courts	
Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA)	Brett Peterson , President	Director, Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services	
Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)	Mac Pevey , Commission Vice Chair, Washington Commissioner	Assistant Secretary, Washington State Department of Corrections	Mary Kay Hudson ICAOS Chair, Indiana Commissioner for ICAOS and ICJ, Executive Director of Court Services for the Indiana Judicial Center
National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC)	Chris Newlin	Executive Director	
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)	Judge Robert R. Hofmann , President-Elect	District Judge, Mason, TX	
National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS)	Juan Sepulveda , Advisor	Deputy Director, Jefferson County Youth Detention, Birmingham, AL	
National Runaway Safeline (NRS)	Susan Frankel	Chief Executive Officer	



The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

The [Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#) (AAICPC) is a governmental entity which consists of compact parties from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Established in 1974, the AAICPC, via statutory authority carries out the rules and terms of the ICPC more effectively. The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) establishes uniform legal and administrative procedures which govern the interstate placement of children and is statutory law and a binding contract between member jurisdictions in all fifty-two member jurisdictions.

Our Purpose

The AAICPC administers the ICPC and obtains its Secretariat Services as an affiliate of the [American Public Human Services Association](#) (APHSA). The Secretariat to AAICPC provides ongoing administrative, legal and technical assistance to individual states that administer the Compact. The Secretariat provides resources and information to resolve problems of mutual concern and formulate standard policies, practices, and goals. The AAICPC Secretariat does not handle questions about individual cases. Please direct all questions about individual cases to the public human service agency or private child placing agency responsible. Requests for general ICPC information may be sent to AAICPCNationalOffice@aphsa.org.

Rules, Regulations, and Additional Information

- [AAICPC Administrative Policy for Annual Assessments and Dues Enforcement](#)
- [The Intersection of Compacts & State Law](#)
- [Understanding Criminal Records Checks](#)
- [Medicaid and the Intersection of Federal and State Law: ICPC and ICAMA](#)
- [AAICPC ICJ Guide Booklet 2015](#)

- [APHSA and AAICPC Launch Transformation Pilot with Federal Support](#)
- [ICPC Policy Brief](#)
- [AAICPC-ICJ Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 4 Amended 2012 AAICPC Meeting](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 5 Amended 2012 AAICPC Meeting](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 12 Adopted 2012 AAICPC Meeting](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 2 Amended 2011 AAICPC Meeting](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 3 Amended 2011 AAICPC Meeting](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 7 Amended 2011 AAICPC Meeting](#)
- [Regulation 7 Form Order for Expedited Placement Decision](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 1 Amended 2010 AAICPC Meeting](#)
- [ICPC Regulation No. 11 Adopted at the AAICPC 2010 Annual Meeting](#)
- [AAICPC Bulletin 2007-2008](#)
- [AAICPC Bulletin Supervision Report Form](#)
- [AAICPC Quality Caseworker Visits](#)
- [APHSA Director's Memo: ICPC: Consider the Children First](#)
- [Rideout on new ICPC](#)
- [Safe and Timely: HHS Response Letter](#)
- [Safe and Timely: Information Memorandum](#)
- [ACF Updates 01-29-071 QA on Safe and Timely Adam](#)
- [ACYF-CB-PI-07-02 Issued 1-23-2007](#)
- [Summary- Adam Walsh Act](#)
- [Interjurisdictional Placement of Children in Child Welfare: Improving the Process](#)
- [AAICPC 2015 Conference Presentation: Federal Legislative Update](#)
- [ICPC State Contact List \[April 2023\]](#)
- [CA ICPC County Liaisons List \[April 2023\]](#)
- [CO ICPC County Liaisons List \[April 2023\]](#)
- [OH ICPC County Liaisons List \[April 2023\]](#)
- [Outstanding Performance Award Guidelines](#)

ICPC Documents

- [ICPC Articles](#)
- [ICPC Regulations](#)
- [ICPC Publications and Papers](#)
- [AAICPC-ICJ MOU](#)
- [ICPC State Pages](#)
- [ICPC FAQ's](#)



The Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators

Organized in 1994, the [Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators](#) (CJJA) is a national non-profit organization created to improve juvenile justice systems, enhance local correctional and residential facilities and programs and, most importantly, promote better long-term outcomes for youth and their families. CJJA represents the state juvenile justice system CEOs and various local jurisdictions across the country.

The Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) fulfills its mission through educational activities and programs as well as research and technical assistance projects. Education activities include a series of annual meetings for members offering sessions on best practices and evidence-based approaches. The meetings convene leaders from each state and selected large counties to share information, identify issues and strategies to address them and form a national voice for system-involved youth.

Education activities also include presentations at conferences hosted by other national organizations and disseminating written materials to the public and policymakers about key issues in juvenile justice, describing the youths and their needs and the system's successes and shortcomings.

Our History

The Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) represents the youth correction chief executive officers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and major metropolitan counties. Since 1994, CJJA has worked to improve youth correctional services and practices by uniting the nation's youth correctional chief executives and by providing a source of positive support for these leaders. CJJA was founded with two overarching objectives: 1) to influence the development of juvenile justice policy nationally and 2) to support administrators locally.

CJJA is committed to moving youth corrections forward and fulfills its mission to improve systems and practices so young offenders' lives are improved by their contact with the juvenile justice system and future crime is prevented. CJJA works on three levels to lead and support the field in its work:

The National Level

At the national level CJA continues to serve as leadership and a voice for juvenile corrections by representing the system and issues unique to youths on national boards and organizations and educating federal policymakers and legislators about juvenile.

The State Level

At the state level CJA continues to provide training, technical assistance and mentoring services provided directly to the juvenile chief executive officers in each state so they have the most effective and innovative information and tools to fund agencies, facilities and programs that help youths improve their skills and chances for success.

The Field & Practitioner Level

At the field and practitioner level CJA continues to expand its work on several technical assistance and grant projects that provide tools and support to the individuals in most direct contact with young offenders.

The International Level

At the international level, CJA continues to serve as leadership and a voice for juvenile justice by providing resources regarding requirements and standards and networking opportunities for individuals overseeing juvenile justice within their country.

CJA By-Laws

CJA By-laws were voted on and approved during the 2023 Winter Business Meeting. [CJA BY LAWS revised 2-1-2023](#)

Our Services

- Conditions of Confinement Improvement, Litigation Avoidance, and Monitoring
- Conditions of Confinement
- Culture Assessment
- Employment Opportunity Assistance
- Facility Design and Transition Support
- Facility Operations Support & Management
- Leadership Support
- Policy and Practice Review
- Policy and Procedure Development
- Staffing Assessment

Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision



WHO WE ARE

Developed in 1937 and designed to regulate the movement of probationers and parolees across state lines, the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) is enacted in all 50 states and three U.S. territories. The compact provides states the authority, accountability, and resources to track supervised individuals who move across state lines, thereby enhancing public safety and accountability.

WHAT WE DO

ICAOS has become a powerful and adaptive tool for ensuring cooperative action among the states and a single standard of supervision for supervised individuals. Its purpose is to establish and enforce regulations, provide training, facilitate the collection and sharing of data, and do other essential tasks to guarantee that supervised individuals maintain continuity when relocating to another state.

OUR MISSION

The Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision will guide the transfer of supervised individuals in a manner that promotes effective supervision strategies consistent with public safety, accountability, and victims' rights.

*"Ensuring
Public Safety
for the 21st
Century"*

DATA TRACKING

The Commission manages a national data system that processes over 115,000 cases per year and provides daily, quarterly, and annual business intelligence information to help state and local officials efficiently and effectively manage their responsibilities to the public.



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National Children's Advocacy Center

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Hope
starts here.

Since 1985, the National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) has provided services, at no cost, to children who experience sexual or physical abuse in Huntsville, Madison, and Madison County. Simultaneously, the NCAC prevention programs are teaching children and adults how to stop abuse before it happens.



Case Reviews

In 2022, the Madison County Multidisciplinary Team reviewed **1,389** cases involving allegations of sexual or physical abuse.



Forensic Interviews

Child forensic Interviewers conducted **448** forensic interviews last year.



Therapy

In 2022, therapists provided **2,113** hours of therapy to children.



Medical Exams

158 children received specialized medical exams by a doctor or nurse practitioner at the NCAC in 2022.



Wilson Visits

Facility Dog Wilson visited with **284** children and caregivers in 2022, providing support and comfort.

- ◆ The Healthy Families program provides education and support to first time and at risk parents. In 2022, 498 visits with 29 families took place with a total of 35 children represented.
- ◆ Partnership in Parenting, parenting classes, and case management provide education and resources to at-risk families. In 2022, 98 families with 245 children were served.
- ◆ The Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) program teaches children in Madison County and Madison City Schools about child abuse prevention. 330 programs were held in 2022 with 6,772 students. Four students disclosed abuse to SCAN instructors.
- ◆ *Stewards of Children®* Training teaches adults how to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. Last year, 861 adults were educated in 52 trainings.



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National Children's Advocacy Center

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The NCAC was the world's first Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and has served as a model for the 1,100+ CACs operating throughout the United States, with more than 385,000 children served in 2022. The CAC model is also being implemented in more than 41 countries worldwide and growing. The NCAC is a leading training center for these programs which are revolutionizing the world's response to child abuse.



Professionals Trained

In 2022, 21,276 child abuse professionals from all 50 states and 17 countries received training.



International Conference

In 2022, 1,122 Child Abuse Professionals from across the United States and 10 countries attended the *38th International Symposium on Child Abuse*.



CALiO (Child Abuse Library Online)

In 2022, the NCAC Digital Research Library had 26,525 unique visitors from all 50 states and 129 countries.



NCACvtc

In 2022, child abuse response professionals watched 16,621 training videos on the NCAC Virtual Training Center.

NCAC has
TRAINED 189
303 THOUSAND
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*Improving the lives of the children and families
who seek justice through leadership, education,
and community since 1937.*

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SINCE 1937,

the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), the oldest judicial membership organization in the country, has served as the leader in providing continuing education opportunities, research, technical assistance, and policy development in the field of juvenile and family law. The NCJFCJ serves an estimated 30,000 professionals in the juvenile and family justice system including judges, referees, commissioners, court masters and administrators, social and mental health workers, police, probation officers, educators, attorneys, and law schools and students.

The NCJFCJ seeks to improve the standards, practices, and effectiveness of the nation's juvenile, family, and tribal courts while upholding victims' rights, and the safety of all family members and communities.

As a proud affiliate since 1969, the NCJFCJ is an integral part of the University of Nevada, Reno community and together work to provide the nation's only advanced degree program in judicial studies.

Research is a vital component of the NCJFCJ's efforts to improve the lives of children and families. The NCJFCJ's research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice, located in Pittsburgh, Penn., conducts empirical research and program evaluations to improve the effectiveness and fairness of juvenile justice and dependency system processing and to improve the outcomes of its many prevention and intervention programs.


Our research shows that without current, cutting-edge education and resources, courts have a hard time fully understanding and applying the laws that protect children, families, and victims of domestic violence.

The NCJFCJ is a national, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization and relies on the support and funding from federal and state grants, private foundations, and generous members and donors.

While the NCJFCJ's impact is wide-reaching, there is much more we can do to ensure all jurisdictions and communities have access to the latest research, education, and technical assistance.

EVERY DAY,


our nation's judges are faced with significantly more complex and difficult cases involving children and families. Cases presenting the following dynamics and involving these populations are more prevalent than ever before.



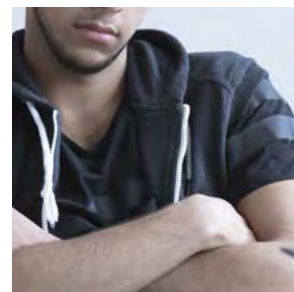
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FAMILIES IN
CHILD WELFARE
CASES

THE FACTS

Every year, more than **5 MILLION** children witness domestic violence in their homes.

In 2015, approximately **7.2 MILLION** children were reported to authorities for abuse or neglect.

Children who live in homes with domestic violence also suffer abuse or neglect at high rates - **30 TO 60%**.

The U.S. incurs an estimated **\$8 TO \$21 BILLION** each year in long-term costs alone for the confinement of youth.

More than **1 IN 3 WOMEN** in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Children who come in contact with the juvenile justice system have a **HIGHER RISK** of entering the adult criminal justice system.



FOR EVERY COURT AND EVERY CHILD,

the NCJFCJ is committed to helping our nation's state and tribal judges and justice professionals meet these challenges, develop solutions, and achieve the best possible outcomes for children, families, and communities.

AREAS OF FOCUS

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

Providing education in dependency court best practices.

DOMESTIC CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

Improving outcomes for vulnerable and victimized children through judicial action.

KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL

Reducing the impact of zero tolerance policies.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Enhancing judicial skills to promote victim safety and batterer accountability.

FEDERAL POLICY

Influencing legislation, policy, and practice.

TRIBAL COURTS & ICWA

Promoting trauma-responsive courts and collaboration between tribal and state courts.

RESEARCH & DATA

Providing data and developing evidence-informed practice by state.

MILITARY FAMILIES

Enhancing judicial skills to best serve military-connected families.

JUVENILE DRUG COURTS

Enhancing effectiveness in addressing youth and substance abuse.

For a schedule of upcoming conferences and educational opportunities, visit www.NCJFCJ.org.

VISION & MISSION

The **VISION** of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is for a society in which every family and child has access to fair, equal, effective, and timely justice.

The **MISSION** of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is to provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.

JOEY ORDUNA HASTINGS | Chief Executive Officer

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National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS)

United in Voice... United in Service...

Join juvenile justice professionals from across the nation who:

- Inform state/national policy •
- Access the most current training in the field •
- Network with professionals from across the globe •
- Receive technical assistance in areas specific to your local needs •

The National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) is a strong alliance of Educators, Trainers, Detention, Corrections, Residential Treatment, Community Based, Court Services, and Clinical Services professionals united in voice, service and advocacy for justice involved youth. NPJS actively pursues resources and opportunities to support skill acquisition and the expansion of knowledge of youth care workers across the juvenile justice continuum. We serve our members' interests. Let us help you with your professional needs.

The National Partnership for Juvenile Services advocates for the improvement of our nation's juvenile justice system by:

- Interpreting and promoting juvenile justice best practice principles at the national, state and local levels;
- Defining and promoting the mission of juvenile services;
- Stimulating the development and operation of training programs for the entire juvenile service profession;
- Encouraging writing and publication in the field of juvenile services;
- Advocating for quality standards in juvenile service programs;
- Facilitating the collection and dissemination of data with respect to juvenile services;
- Conducting juvenile justice research;
- Serving as a national network for persons and organizations interested in juvenile services;
- Collaborating with other organizations and professional groups with a primary interest in the field of juvenile services.

For more information, visit www.npjs.org or for specific areas of interest check-out the following links:

Guides State & National Policy Development...

NPJS issues Position Statements on issues impacting the continuum of services throughout the juvenile justice system. These Position Statements seek to recognize the basic rights and needs of juveniles under jurisdiction of the courts. Position Papers strive to establish best practices in juvenile justice services. <https://www.npjs.org/our-work/position-statements>

Promotes the Importance of Professional Ethics...

The NPJS *Code of Ethics* is intended to serve as a guide to the professional conduct of juvenile service workers. <https://www.npjs.org/about-us/code-of-ethics>

Fosters Information Sharing on Research and Best Practices...

NPJS manages, edits, and publishes the online *Journal of Applied Juvenile Justice Services*, a refereed, multi-disciplinary publication dedicated to critically examining a wide variety of topics related to juvenile justice. The journal disseminates timely information to juvenile justice practitioners and researchers on critical issues, including effective strategies and practice impacting services from initial court contact through the continuum of care and intervention and aftercare. The articles are written to inform practice by agency leaders, academicians, front line staff, behavioral health providers, as well as others supporting positive outcomes of youth. The aforementioned is accomplished through research articles, thought-provoking editorials, and book reviews.

<https://www.npjs.org/resources/journal-of-applied-juvenile-justice-services>

Integrated Data Solution. NPJS offers an integrated Juvenile Case Management Solution (Juv CMS) designed specifically to meet the needs of Juvenile Justice Provider Agencies. Juv CMS is a cloud-based application that offers secure access that is customizable to address the operational needs of your agency. Built in the Microsoft Dataverse, Juv CMS allows end-users to easily display and extract data to inform program improvement and daily operations. Video Overview: <https://bit.ly/45KwAeo>

Certified Juvenile Services Practitioner Program...

Certification is a process by which the NPJS recognizes practitioners in the field who have achieved the levels of education, training, and experience necessary to indicate they have a basic understanding and knowledge of the field of juvenile justice and the work required in a juvenile confinement setting. NPJS is working with the Child and Youth Care Certification Board in College Station, Texas to adopt the certification guidelines developed by NPJS, so that formal worker standards in juvenile justice become more widely recognized. This remains a work-in-progress.

Convenes Professional Learning and Networking Opportunities...

NPJS coordinates the annual *National Symposium on Juvenile Services*, which on average attracts 300+ attendees from 40+ states as well as international locations, for one of the only juvenile services, practitioner-focused conferences in the country. In 2019, NPJS launched the *National Leadership Institute* to fill a gap in leadership training for the juvenile justice field. <https://www.npjs.org/training/national-symposium-on-juvenile-services>

Creates Field-Focused Resources...

NPJS developed the *Desktop Guide to Quality Practice for Working with Youth in Confinement*, which is an online resource (19 chapters; 720 pages) with the answers to or guidance on many critical issues confronted by leadership, managers, and direct care staff in the daily operation of a facility that has the responsibility of caring for youth in confinement. <https://www.npjs.org/resources/desktop-guide>

Works from a Client-Centered Perspective...

NPJS staff and consultants have provided services to some of the smallest jurisdictions in the country to the very largest (e.g. Cook County in Chicago and currently to the NYC Administration of Children's Services).

We prefer to directly involve clients and staff in all phases of planning, development, and delivery of services. This approach helps ensure:

- Outcomes are relevant
- Management and staff are committed to results
- Processes and outcomes fit in with the organization's culture, style and values and /or the project objectives
- Skills can be passed on to staff.

Ongoing work in NYC ranges from the development of an e-learning module to curriculum development, direct training delivery, and training/technical support services to their supervisors and behavior management program.

Ongoing Results

Our objective is to help our clients develop and implement specific improvements to their system. We do this by providing specific project recommendations that are practical and achievable.

Our Assurance

Our clients know:

- They will get a personalized professional management consulting service tailored to meet their specific needs and circumstances.
- Each assignment will be under the strong leadership of an experienced professional who will manage the project to its completion.
- Our consultants are highly qualified and able to bring the project experience from a broad range of environments.
- We will treat client information as confidential and will not take advantage of privileged information gathered during an assignment.
- We will be frank about expected outcomes, and not create unrealistic expectations, especially among staff.
- We will not accept an assignment unless we are confident we have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to undertake the work.

The Pursuit of Professionalism ~ One Member's Perspective

My job is important. We have a high calling, a sacred responsibility, and important task: To redeem the unredeemable and make the community, the public, and society a better place in the process. I take my job seriously. It is a profession. No matter how much I know, profess to know, or have experienced, there is much more to learn. I must continually expand my knowledge and skills within this profession in order to meet the challenges and needs of troubled youth, beleaguered staff, and highly stressed institutions. The value of a professional association is that it provides strength and support to me in all these areas. It surrounds me with other kindred spirits, who are caring and sympathetic to my struggle, who support and encourage my efforts, who comfort and correct my failures, and who rejoice greatly in those all-too infrequent times of success. I am a part of good things that happened before me in this profession; I am a contributor to the good things that are currently happening in this profession; and I am preparing the way for others to do good things in the future. I derive no satisfaction in the growth and preservation of my profession by maintaining only an active role in my institution, my local unit of government, or my "ivory tower." Likewise, saying I am a professional does not make me one; acting in a professional manner moves me closer to that goal; but membership in a professional association helps fulfill my professional aspirations. I need your help. Join my pursuit today. Join NPJS.



National Runaway Safeline

PORTRAIT OF A YOUTH WHO HAS RUN AWAY OR IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Youth who run away may be perceived as “bad” kids, but typically they’re dealing with situations that feel overwhelming, be it stressful family dynamics, bullying or abuse/neglect. It is important to understand that a youth’s reason for leaving is unique to that individual. Youth who have left home or are experiencing homelessness come from every kind of neighborhood, rich and poor, rural and urban.

NRS MISSION

The mission of the National Runaway Safeline (NRS) is to keep America’s runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

NRS SERVICES

- *Crisis Intervention:* NRS operates a confidential 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline and online services (live chat, emails, on-line forum and live text coming Fall 2023) at 1800RUNAWAY.org 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Staff and trained volunteers provide non-judgmental, non-sectarian and non-directive support and empower youth and families to develop a plan of action to improve their situation.
- *Information & Referrals:* NRS’ resource database of national and local service providers and programs contains countless options for youth and families to access services, such as counseling, shelter, alcohol/drug treatment and child protective services.
- *Conference Calls:* When youth request assistance contacting their family or an agency that can help, NRS facilitates a conference call. The crisis services team member remains on the line with the youth, advocating on their behalf as needed.
- *Message Service:* NRS will relay a message from youth to their parent/guardian. NRS’ message service is a less intimidating means for youth to reestablish contact with their parent/guardian and often serves as the first step toward reunification. In addition, concerned adults may access the service to leave a message for the child in their life.
- *Home Free Program:* In partnership with Greyhound Lines, Inc., NRS helps reunite youth with their families, or get to an alternate living arrangement through a free bus ticket. More than 19,000 youth have benefited from the Home Free since 1995. This process is initiated by calling the NRS hotline at 1-800-RUNAWAY (800-786-2929).
- *Let’s Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum:* NRS offers a free 14-module, interactive prevention curriculum available in English and Spanish. This evidence-based tool builds life skills; increases knowledge about available resources; educates about alternatives to running away; and empowers youth to access and seek help from trusted community members.
- *Prevention and Educational Materials:* NRS provides free prevention and educational materials to individuals, schools and organizations to distribute within their community. All prevention and education materials are available to order or download at 1800RUNAWAY.org.
- *Fee-Based Training:* NRS staff provide training on a myriad of topics, including sex trafficking, the *Let’s Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum*, NRS’ crisis intervention model and other topics listed.



National Runaway Safeline (continued)

NRS HISTORY

Founded by a group of Chicago agencies and originally named Metro Help, the hotline was established in 1971 to fill a need for comprehensive crisis intervention for young people. It was conceived as a centralized organization with 24-hour services, expertise in all youth-related issues and as an information clearinghouse of youth services.

In 1974, the National Runaway Safeline received a federal grant to establish a national hotline. During this time, NRS received 11,000 calls, demonstrating the need for this type of service. Since then, NRS' capabilities and services have grown considerably. Annually, NRS makes more than 125,000 connections to help and hope through hotline, online and offline services.

NRS receives funding from the Family and Youth Services Bureau in the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, private funding is raised from foundations, corporations and individuals.

NRS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are integral to the work of the National Runaway Safeline. Crisis center volunteers receive 50+ hours of training and operate the hotline and online services to provide crisis intervention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additionally, volunteers help plan events and serve on the Board of Directors and Associate Board.

STATEMENT OF NEED

About 4.2 million young people ages 13 to 25 experience homelessness every year according to Chapin Hall's Missed Opportunities reports. As millions of youth face homelessness, the National Runaway Safeline's services are needed more than ever.

More findings from these reports show:

- 1 in 10 young people ages 18 to 25 and 1 in 30 youth ages 13 to 17 will experience homelessness in a given year.
- 52% of the youth who experienced homelessness reported feeling unsafe.
- 73% of youth ages 13 to 25 who experienced homelessness had an episode lasting longer than a month.

NRS STATISTICS & TRENDS

In 2022:

- 77% of those who reached out to NRS indicated family dynamics as a reason for seeking crisis intervention. This includes conflict with rules, problems with parents or siblings, blended family, divorce or custody issues, death of a family member, and teen parenting.
- Nearly a quarter of those who reached out to NRS were between the ages of 10 and 14 years old.
- 67% of NRS contacts discussed options for referrals and follow-up support, including NRS messaging and conference call services, referrals to youth shelters and alternative housing, and connection to supportive adults.
- Through our Home Free program, in partnership with Greyhound Lines, Inc., 232 youth received a free bus ride home or to a safe alternative living environment.

ICJ NATIONAL OFFICE

The National Office is responsible for operation of the Interstate Commission and works closely with state ICJ offices and allies throughout the U.S. who support juveniles and families.



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