



Interstate Commission for Juveniles
Serving Juveniles While Protecting Communities

After-Hours Protocols for ICJ East Region States



AUGUST - 2022

<http://www.juvenilecompact.org>
DIRECTORY

Introduction

The purpose of this publication manual is to provide contact information and existing after-hours protocols or procedures of the ICJ EAST REGION states. This is a collection of the contacts, practices, and protocols to follow after office hours, weekends, and holidays. All states may not have after-hours protocols or procedures. This document is a compilation of protocols and procedures that do exist and is subject to change.

Purpose

Law enforcement, agencies, and others encountering ICJ juveniles after normal office hours should follow to ensure the safety and protection of the juvenile.

Other

The Interstate Commission for Juveniles is composed of the 50 U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Commission is sectioned into [4 regions](#): East, South, Midwest, and West.

ICJ East Region States

1. CONNECTICUT
2. DELAWARE
3. MAINE
4. MASSACHUSETTS
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE
6. NEW JERSEY
7. NEW YORK
8. PENNSYLVANIA
9. RHODE ISLAND
10. VERMONT
11. VIRGIN ISLANDS

The following pages include information submitted by each ICJ East Region State and Territory

Connecticut

For any afterhours reports concerning an unaccompanied minor, the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) operates 24 hours and 7 days a week. They can be contacted at 1-800-842-2288. DCF will notify the ICJ staff for follow up. In the event the juvenile is a runaway with no pending delinquency issues, the Interstate Compact 24-hour rule is applied.

For any afterhours reports concerning an out-of-state delinquent absconder or escapee with an active Take into Custody Order/Warrant, notify the ICJ staff and contact the local police department. The police department and/or the local probation staff will seek judicial approval for a Connecticut ICJ Take into Custody Order to place the child in a juvenile residential facility pending a hearing on the next court day.

Delaware

The State of Delaware Division of Youth Rehabilitation Services (YRS) has an after-hours liaison who works Monday through Friday from 4:30 pm to 12:30 am. The Justice of the Peace Court contacts the liaison for a recommendation when youth are arrested after normal work hours. Youth detained after-hours will have a bail review in Family Court the following business day. The YRS liaison is aware that youth who have a detainer/warrant issued by another state must be detained. YRS contacts the State of Delaware Interstate Compact Office the following business day in respect to any interstate matters brought to their attention after-hours.

The Delaware Division of Family Services Child Abuse and Neglect report line operates 24 hours a day.

Maine

Maine Department of Corrections has a Duty Worker to handles after hours calls (5PM-8AM weekdays & weekends/holidays). The Duty Worker is a Juvenile Community Corrections Officer who gets annual training on ICJ and has a regional support person well versed in ICJ. To reach the Duty Worker, you call Long Creek Youth Development Center at 207-822-2600 and ask to speak with the Facility Operations Supervisor and they will connect you with the Duty Worker.

Regarding non-delinquent runaways, we would ask the same process to be followed and the Duty Worker will determine if we need to involve our Department of Health and Human Services.

Massachusetts

PAROLE

The Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS) maintains an in-house, 24/7 Communications & Information Center (CIC). Persons from other jurisdictions can call CIC at 617-960-3333 for assistance with any juvenile picked up in their state with an active DYS warrant or in the event that a juvenile is arrested on new charges in their state.

PROBATION

No after-hours protocol & procedures.

New Hampshire

New Hampshire has a 24-7 on call system for both juvenile justice and child protection. There is a separate phone number for each, however regardless of what number is called, the caller will be directed to the appropriate on-call Administrator to manage the response.

NH DCYF Juvenile Justice Services maintains an after-hours on call system from 4:30pm-8:00am Monday through Friday and 24 hours on the weekend and holidays. The assigned Administrator or Supervisor can be reached at 1-888-230-0606 OR 1-603-625-5471 for any youth who absconds and is located within NH, or a NH youth that is located outside the State. These matters will be processed pursuant to the ICJ Rules (<https://www.juvenilecompact.org/>).

NH DCYF Child Protective Services maintains an after-hours on call system from 4:30pm- 8:00am Monday through Friday and 24 hours on the weekend and holidays. These Administrators would only be called for a child that is in NH DCYF custody/guardianship and has been picked up in New Hampshire. To reach the on-call Administrator, the number is: 1-800-894-5533.

New Jersey

PAROLE

No specific after-hour's response. Any inquiry can be forwarded through normal channels and a response will be received the next business day.

PROBATION

No after-hours protocol & procedures.

New York

PAROLE

The NYS Office of Children and Family Services Central Communications Unit operates 24 hours and 7 days a week, they can be contacted at 1-800-848-4812. Any potential Interstate absconder or escapee that is apprehended by law enforcement after business hours can be seen by local judge or magistrate and placed in secure detention pending due process on the following business day. The Central Communications Unit can be notified and will contact the ICJ Administrator by email notifying them of the case. In the event the juvenile is a runaway with no pending delinquency issues the Interstate Compact 24-hour rule is applied. Law enforcement can contact the Central Communications Unit who will notify the Compact Administrator of the potential runaway case. The Compact Administrator will follow up the next business day if the juvenile has not been returned to their home state.

PROBATION

There are no after-hours procedure for NY Probation. We are available in office from 7:30-5.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania is county administered, with state oversight. Pennsylvania law enforcement contacts the specific county JPO “after hours.” Pennsylvania ICJ staff have email (preferable)/voice mail for “after-hours” notification by the JPO. ICJ Staff follow up the next business day normal working hours.

Rhode Island

While we do not have a formal program, we have worked for many years with the Child Protective Supervisors who monitor our child abuse hotline on the call floor. When law enforcement or a hospital or another agency, even a private person has information on a runaway, the child abuse hotline is notified via our 800 number, 1-800-RI Child. The call floor notifies me by email.

Emails are check over the weekends and holidays. When JoAnn Niksa is out of the office on vacation, they would get a response directing them to contact my back up for the ICJ, Bill Dolan. Jessica Nash is coincidentally our Probation Associate Director so she is basically the on-call administrator all the time. If there is a significant safety concern, the Child Protective Administrator or Associate Director would contact Jessica and let her know what is going on.

I have also been asked by our Acting Director to arrange to train our Child Welfare supervisors on the ICPC and ICJ. We have hired a lot of new supervisors and social caseworkers so this will be a valuable training.

Maybe we can talk about how other states can utilize their child protective hotlines instead of having ICJ staff called at all hours of day and night. Possibly disseminating the information with a Law Enforcement newsletter or something like that to get the word out depending on how different states function.

Vermont

The State of Vermont after hours response for ICJ can be accessed through our Centralized Intake and Emergency Services (CIES) hotline at 1-800-649-5285. Any out of state youth picked up in Vermont who requires to be held or detained under the ICJ Compact will need to come into VT DCF custody. CIES can also be contacted if a Vermont youth is found in another state. CIES is able to call Trissie Casanova, LICSW Deputy Compact Administrator at home if needed

Virgin Islands

No after-hours protocol & procedures.