

Introduction

The Children's Bureau at HHS has directed the Court Improvement Program in Virginia to assess how the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) has worked and how, if at all, the courts of Virginia have become involved in the process so as to expedite the interstate movement of children. As a result, we have prepared this survey as one of the ways to collect and provide information to the federal authorities regarding this issue.

You are receiving this survey because you are a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge in Virginia and have oversight of cases within your court involving the ICPC or because you have been identified as someone who has knowledge of and has participated in court cases where the ICPC has been an issue.

For judges answering this survey, questions 7-12, 17, and 18 may appear to be asking others to respond about how you did something or whether you did or did not do something, please answer those questions based on your recollection of what you did.

The questions below should take no longer than 10 minutes to answer. Please note that questions marked by a red asterisk (*) must be completed in order to move forward. Also, you will not be able to move backward through the survey once you enter an answer.

If during the time that you are completing this survey you are called upon to do something else, you can exit the survey form and return to it at a later time. To do so, click the "Exit this Survey" button in the upper right corner of the survey. When you wish to return to the survey to complete your answers, click on the survey link we originally provided to you. You will be allowed to continue answering the questions from where you exited.

* 1. I am currently

- A Judge
- An attorney for the Child Welfare Agency
- An attorney representing both parents and children
- Other (please specify)

* 2. I have been in my current position

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- More than 20 years

* 3. In my current position I have been involved in the following number of cases in which the ICPC was an issue:

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- More than 20

★ 4. During the past 5 years no matter what position I have held, I have seen improvement in the manner in which ICPC cases are processed.

- Yes
- No

★ 5. In my former position (immediately prior to my current position), I was involved in the following number of cases in which the ICPC was an issue:

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- More than 20

Based on your experience over the past 5 years, please answer the following...

★ 6. Please identify from the list below, five (5) reasons you have observed for delay in the ICPC process. Rank each reason identified from one (1) to five (5), 1 being the most common to 5 being the least common. You will be allowed only one response per number column.

	1	2	3	4	5
Delay in entry of the court order placing the child in care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in the agency preparing the ICPC package to send to the Sending State ICPC Office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in the Sending State ICPC Office reviewing and approving the package and sending it to the Receiving State ICPC Office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The need by the Sending State ICPC to return the ICPC package to the local agency for some reason, such as it was incomplete	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay by the Receiving State ICPC office processing the case and sending it to the local agency in the Receiving State for the Home Study to be done	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The need by the Receiving State ICPC Office to return the ICPC package to the Sending State ICPC Office for some reason, such as it was incomplete	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in the Home Study being done by the local agency in the Receiving State	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negotiations between the two ICPC offices regarding issues of concern found by the Home Study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining required FBI checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining Sending State – State Police checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining Sending State - Local Police checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining National Sexual Offender Registry checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining Sending State Sexual Offender Registry checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining Receiving State Sexual Offender Registry checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining Sending State Child Welfare Registry Checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delay in obtaining Receiving State Child Registry Checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

★ 7. When a placement in a case was identified as requiring ICPC approval, how often was that fact brought to the attention of the judge(s)?

- 90% - 100% of the time
- 75% - 89% of the time
- 50%- 74% of the time
- 25% - 49% of the time
- Less than 25% of the time
- I don't know

★ 8. Who brought the issue to the attention of the judge(s)? (Mark all that apply. If you don't know, mark only "I don't know" and proceed to the next question.)

- The Caseworker/Social Worker
- The Child Welfare Supervisor
- The Attorney for the Child Welfare Agency
- The Parent's Attorney
- The Children's Attorney/GAL
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

★ 9. If the court was made aware of the need for an ICPC application when, in most cases, was it brought to the attention of the judge(s)?

- Within five (5) working days of the agency's discovery that an ICPC was needed
- Between one (1) week and thirty (30) days of the agency's discovery that an ICPC was needed
- Between thirty (30) and ninety (90) days of the agency's discovery that an ICPC was needed
- More than ninety (90) days from the agency's discovery that an ICPC was needed
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

★ 10. When the judge(s) became aware that the ICPC was required, how often did s/he/they make a placement in the other state without following ICPC requirements?

- 90% - 100% of the time
- 75% - 89% of the time
- 50%- 74% of the time
- 25% - 49% of the time
- Less than 25% of the time
- The judge(s) always follow(s) ICPC requirements
- I don't know

★ 11. When the judge(s) became aware that the ICPC was required, did s/he/they continue cases for further information when the process was not yet completed?

- Yes
- No

*** 12. If the judge(s) did continue cases in order for the ICPC process to be completed, on average how far away did s/he/they continue the cases?**

- To the next regularly scheduled hearing, no matter how far away that was
- A hearing was scheduled within a short period of time (30 days or less) for an update on progress to the judicial officer and the parties
- A hearing was scheduled within 30-60 days for an update on progress to the judicial officer and the parties
- I don't know

*** 13. How often did the attorney for the government ask for an early court review date regarding any ICPC matter?**

- 90% - 100% of the time
- 75% - 89% of the time
- 50%- 74% of the time
- 25% - 49% of the time
- Less than 25% of the time
- I don't know

*** 14. How often did the attorney/GAL for the child ask for an early court review date regarding any ICPC matter?**

- 90% - 100% of the time
- 75% - 89% of the time
- 50%- 74% of the time
- 25% - 49% of the time
- Less than 25% of the time
- I don't know

*** 15. How often did the attorney for a parent ask for an early court review date regarding any ICPC matter?**

- 90% - 100% of the time
- 75% - 89% of the time
- 50%- 74% of the time
- 25% - 49% of the time
- Less than 25% of the time
- I don't know

*** 16. If no attorneys were in court for the agency, how often did the social worker/caseworker ask for an early court review date regarding any ICPC matter?**

- 90% - 100% of the time
- 75% - 89% of the time
- 50%- 74% of the time
- 25% - 49% of the time
- Less than 25% of the time
- I don't know
- Agency attorneys are always in court

★ 17. If a 2nd delay occurred in cases regarding the ICPC process before the court, what action did the judge(s) most typically take when s/he/they learned about this delay?

- There was never a 2nd delay
- No action
- S/he/they ordered a report on progress to be given at the next regularly scheduled hearing
- S/he/they scheduled a hearing within a short period of time (30 days or less) for an update on progress to the judge and the parties
- S/he/they scheduled a hearing within 30-60 days for an update on progress to the judge and the parties
- S/he/they took direct action – i.e. called his/her/their Sending State ICPC Office, or called judicial officer in receiving state
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

★ 18. If the judge(s) took some action at any time, what did s/he/they normally do to ensure “Due Process” requirements were met? (Mark all that apply. If you don't know, mark only "I don't know" and proceed to the next question.)

- Allowed counsel to be present during any phone call to obtain information on ICPC progress
- Allowed no one to be present during any phone call to obtain information on ICPC progress
- Provided a written report to the parties and/or counsel of the results of the phone call and what was discussed
- Sent an email with copies to the parties and/or counsel
- Sent any email s/he received in response to the parties and/or counsel
- Nothing
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

FOR JUDGES ONLY

The next two (2) questions are to be answered only by judges participating in this survey. If you are an attorney, please continue by clicking the "Next" button at the bottom of this page.

19. (For Judges only) If you have taken action by calling, writing, or emailing an ICPC office or a judicial officer in another state, what has been the most typical response you received from the people that you called, wrote, or emailed?

	Consistent cooperation	Inconsistent cooperation	No cooperation	No contact
In the Sending State	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
From Receiving States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
From judicial officers in Receiving States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. (For Judges only) – If you would be willing to talk with someone from Virginia Court Improvement staff regarding your ICPC experience, please provide your name, email address, and telephone number.

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

★ 21. In what Regional Boundary are you located? Judges, please provide the Region within which your home court is located. Attorneys, please provide the Region within which your primary office is located.

Western Region - Includes Judicial Districts 21(Patrick), 27, 28, 29, and 30

Piedmont Region - Includes Judicial Districts 10 (Appomattox/Charlotte/Halifax/ Mecklenburg), 16 (Albemarle/Charlottesville), 21 (Martinsville/Henry), 22, 23, 24, and 25

Northern Region - Includes Judicial Districts 15 (Fredericksburg/King George/Spotsylvania/Stafford), 16 (Culpeper/Greene/Louisa/Madison/Orange), 17, 18, 19, 20, 26, and 31

Central Region - Includes Judicial Districts 6 (Hopewell), 9 (Charles City/King & Queen/King William/Middlesex/New Kent), 10 (Buckingham/Cumberland/Lunenburg/Prince Edward), 11 (Amelia/Nottoway/Petersburg/Powhatan), 12, 13, 14, 15 (Caroline/Essex/Hanover/Lancaster/Northumberland/Richmond Co./ Westmoreland), and 16 (Fluvanna/Goochland)

Eastern Region - Includes Judicial Districts 1, 2/2A, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Brunswick/Emporia/Greenville/Prince George/Surry, Sussex), 7, 8, 9 (Gloucester/James City/Mathews/Williamsburg/York), and 11 (Dinwiddie)

THANK YOU!

Your participation in this survey is very much appreciated.

Please submit your answers by clicking the "Done" button below.