

Interjurisdictional Resources

State	Criminal Background Check	Medical/Educational	Purchase of Services	Home Study Requirements	Post-Placement Supervision	Other Online Resources	Other	State Website	Contact Person	Email	Phone
Colorado	Colorado requires (as do most states after the passage of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act) Colorado Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint background checks for foster and adoptive applicants regardless of payment.	Medical: Colorado is a reciprocal state for Medicaid purposes. As such, Colorado will provide Medicaid to all Title IV-E children for whom foster care maintenance payments are made or a valid adoption assistance agreement exists. In addition, Colorado provides Medicaid services to children who live here, receive state-funded (non-IV-E) adoption assistance from a different state, and meet COBRA eligibility criteria. Educational: As is required in ICPC rules, Colorado will pay for the educational costs and meet the requirements of the other state for educational purposes until and unless the child is adopted by a family in the receiving state. At that time, the receiving state will be the state of residence for that child and will be expected to provide a free, appropriate public education to the adopted child who is now residing in the State.	Colorado does not have Purchase of Service agencies. Each county chooses whether or not to use Purchase of Service agencies or directly provides the services.	In Colorado, we use the SAFE (Structured Analysis Family Evaluation) home study format. We would rely on the receiving state to comply with their own home study rules when providing a home study for Colorado.	In Colorado, the minimum requirement for post-placement supervision is monthly face-to-face contact with the child. At this time, the worker must see the child in his/her residence every other month, minimally.			http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/	Vigil, Connie	Constance.Vigil@state.co.us	(303) 866-3209
Delaware	Dept Policy #109	Chapter 4 (Foster Care): Coverage for medical expenses		Placement Resources and Adoption (Policy Handbook under Family Services)	Chapter 4 (Foster Care): Placement and Chapter 5: Adoption	Delaware Policy Handbook	Report 1: Adoption Report 2: Foster Care	http://www.state.de.us/kids	Perfinski, Frank	Frank.Perfinski@state.de.us	(302) 633-2655
District of Columbia		As the sending state the District of Columbia assumes responsibility for educational and medical expenses. In some cases, the District is not always billed for tuition from other states. It is the same for children coming to the District.			In accordance with the Modified Final Plan and the Best Practice Improvement Plan, it is mandated that that the social worker visit the child for the first eight weeks after the initial placement or re-placement. It is also required that social workers visit each child in their caseload twice monthly. The social worker is responsible for attending court hearings (neglect and adoption related matters), administrative reviews, completing all adoptions and neglect court reports, complete referrals for adoption assistance, case documentation in the FACES system (automation system), referrals for updated home studies, if necessary, complete ICPC packets and complete whatever is necessary to move the case to finalization. Since most of our children are not legally free for adoption, oftentimes the social workers will supervise family visits.			http://www.dhs.dc.gov/dhs/site/default.asp	Knight, Sharon	sharon.knight@dc.gov	(202) 671-4200
Hawaii			POS Directory					http://www.state.hi.us/dhs/	Kazama, Lynne	LKazama@dhs.hawaii.gov	(808) 586-5698
Illinois	Illinois state law requires Illinois State Police and FBI fingerprinting and background check for all placements	As RECEIVING State: children are referred to ALL KIDS Health program (medical card) whether they are IV-E or not; we provide for basic educational expenses through the local school district. As SENDING state - we expect that basic medical and educational are provided, but we will provide for any extraordinary needs.	Major Contractors: Kmetko, Kids Hope United, LSSI, LCFS, Catholic Social Services (have several other, very small contracts - probably for individual cases); Out of State: Catholic Charities in Mississippi	The Illinois Adoption Act spells out requirements for content of home study. They are required for all placements. As a sending state, we accept the home study form of the other state in most instances.	<i>Licensing standards should provide the response for the post-placement supervision.</i>			http://www.state.il.us/dcs	Dorn, June	JDorn@idcs.state.il.us	(312) 814-6858
Indiana	The current policy is for relative placements; a new statute will have similar requirements for foster parents; new policies and procedures regarding this statute are being implemented Criminal Background Checks: Adoption Policy Criminal Background Checks: Foster Care Policy	Child Welfare Manual 8 (http://www.in.gov/dcs/pdf/policies/cwmanual8.pdf)	Currently there's no link on our website; in the future it will be under the Permanency section of the general DCS website (http://www.in.gov/dcs/); also in the general DCS website are the service standards	Child Welfare Manual 7 Appendix PP (pg 140)	Monitor a minimum of 6 months until finalization for all DCS children		Adoption Services Report Adoption Contracts By Region Adoption Contract List	http://www.in.gov/dcs/	Porter, Cassandra	Cassandra.Porter@dcs.IN.gov	(317) 234-4211
Kansas	Policy Manual Section 0000-0322	Policy Manual Section 9000	Contractors	Requirements	Policy Manual Section 9000	Policy Manual (January 2007)		http://www.srskansas.org/	Cole, Mary	MLC@srks.ks.gov	(785) 368-8180
Maine	Criminal Background Checks	Adoption Assistance Handbook	Purchase of Service Model 2005	How to Adopt in Maine	Maine Post-Adoption Resource Guide	A Family For Me (http://www.afamilyforme.org/)		http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/howtoadopt.htm	Marriner, Virginia	Virginia.S.Marriner@maine.gov	(207) 287-2976
Maryland	Regulatory parameters define criminal background checks in provisions for Home Study requirements for public and child placement agencies. (See links below) Social Services Administration: Home Study and Decision Private Child Placement Agencies: Application for Adoptive Parent	Medical and Educational Expenses	State Standard Rates Agencies & Requirements Procurement Methods	Social Services Administration: Home Study and Decision Private Child Placement Agencies: Application for Adoptive Parent	Social Service Administration: Post Placement Services Private Child Placement Agencies: Post-Placement Services			http://www.dhr.state.md.us/	Pettaway, Stephanie	Spettawa@dhr.state.md.us	(410) 767-7506
Minnesota	Criminal Background Checks	Medical and Educational Expenses	Purchase of Services	Developed a single study format in 2003	Post Adoption Services Petitions, Investigations, Reports Child Placement - Subpart 3		Introductory Utr from Minnesota		Beske-Brown, Deborah	deborah.beske.brown@state.mn.us	(651) 296-4309
New Hampshire	Criminal Background Checks	Policy on Medicaid Coverage	The only agency certified to provide placement and post placement services for NH children is Downside. They do not have a contract but are certified as a therapeutic foster/adoptive care provider for NH.	Child Placing Rules	Child Placing Rules	Law, Rules and Policies for Foster Care and Adoption		http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DHHS_SIT/default.htm	Atkins, Cathy	CATkins@dhhs.state.nh.us	(603) 271-4707
New Jersey	At this time, we are reviewing website content and cannot forward any of the information requested. New Jersey is in the midst of a complete transformation of policies and procedures, most of which revolve around Foster Care and Adoption operations. (5.05.06)	Educational & Medical Expenses		Office of Licensing - Regulations for Licensing of Resource Families	PACs counseling and Respite agencies listed here			http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/	Bender, Daryl	daryl.bender@dhhs.state.nj.us	(609) 292-6175
North Carolina	North Carolina maintains a Responsible Individuals List (RIL) that contains the names of individuals substantiated for abuse and serious neglect. The RIL became active on May 1, 2006 and does not reflect substantiations of Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry history prior to May 1, 2006. In order to request information from the RIL, authorized agencies must complete Form DSS-5248 (http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/forms/dss-5248-a.pdf) and mail it to North Carolina Division of Social Services, Regulatory and Licensing Services, 952 Old U.S. 70 Highway, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711 Attn: RIL. (Faxes will not be accepted). It is a Class 3 misdemeanor (G.S. 7B-311(c)) to disclose information obtained from the Responsible Individuals List to anyone who is not authorized to receive the information or to request information when not authorized to do so.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Carolina provides reciprocity of Medical coverage as a receiving state as an ICAMA participant. North Carolina will provide ongoing N.C. Medicaid for eligible children when sending children to a state that does not provide reciprocal medical coverage, if the provider will become a NC Medicaid provider. North Carolina's Adoption Assistance Agreement provides vendor payments to eligible children. Vendor is allocated up to \$2400 each state fiscal year and can be used to cover therapeutic or medical services not covered by medical insurance. As a receiving state, North Carolina does not assess any educational expenses to children approved for placement. As a sending state, the local department of social services, which has legal custody of the minor, will ultimately assess any fees that may be associated with the placement of a minor into receiving state. If payments are agreed upon and are to be made, the county will enter into the agreement with receiving state entity and make those payments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The North Carolina Licensing & Regulatory Section of the North Carolina Division of Social Services is charged with licensing all licensed private adoption agencies. For a complete up to date listing see: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/. Refer to Program and Services, then to Licensing and Child Placing Agencies. North Carolina Licensing regulations allow private adoption agencies to assess their agency fees. Those fees are public information and can be obtained by contacting North Carolina's Licensing and Regulatory Section with the North Carolina Division of Social Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The preplacement (home study) assessment is the total collection of information designed to document and consolidate the entire preparation and selection process for each adoptive family. The information in the preplacement (home study) assessment shall be developed mutually with the prospective adoptive family. As part of an assessment and mutual selection process, the agency is required by law to include in the preplacement (home study) assessment the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age and date of birth, nationality and any religious preference; Marital and family status and history, including the presence of any children born to or adopted by the individual and any other children in the household; Physical and mental health, including any addiction to alcohol or drugs; Educational and employment history and any special skills; Property and income, and current financial information provided by the individual; Reason for wanting to adopt; Any previous request for an assessment or involvement in an adoptive placement and the outcome of the assessment of placement; Whether the individual has ever been a respondent in a domestic violence proceeding or a proceeding concerning a minor who was allegedly abused, dependent, neglected, abandoned, or delinquent, and the outcome of the proceeding; Whether the individual has ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation; Whether the individual has located a parent interested in placing a child with the individual for adoption and a brief, non-identifying description of the parent and the child; and Any other fact or circumstance that may be relevant to a determination of the individual's suitability to be an adoptive parent, including the quality of the environment in the home and the functioning of any children in the household. When any of the above is not reasonably available, the preplacement (home study) assessment shall state why it is unavailable. The preplacement (home study) assessment shall be prepared and typed and presented to the adoptive applicants for review. If, for any reason, the applicant is not accepted by the agency as a potential adoptive parent, the agency shall share with them the reason a child cannot be placed with them and they shall have the right to have their summary reviewed by the agency. During the preparatory phase of approval, each prospective adoptive parent will be provided a handbook that outlines relevant agency policies and procedures. The agency is required to provide the family with a copy of the preplacement (home study) assessment. Each agency shall have a procedure for allowing an individual who has received an unfavorable preplacement (home study) assessment to have the assessment reviewed by the agency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the finalization of the adoption, the social worker shall have face-to-face contact with the child at least monthly, unless otherwise indicated in the Out of Home Family Services Agreement. If the child requires more frequent visitation, that should be maintained. The social worker shall also have face-to-face contact with the foster parents at least monthly. Post-adoption supervision of the placement (after the decree of adoption has been entered) is not mandated by legislation or policy, it is voluntary and is provided solely at the request of the adoptive parent. The adoptive parent and the identified agency develop a plan of supervision and support that will address the needs of the family. 		http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/	Williams, Tamika	tamika.williams@ncmail.net	(919) 733-2580	
Ohio	Criminal Background Checks	Medical and Educational Expenses	Purchase of Services	Home Study Requirements	Post Placement Supervision Standards			http://fs.ohio.gov/	Harris, Barbara	harrb06@odfhs.state.oh.us	(614) 466-9274
Oklahoma	OKDHS requires OSBI and FBI fingerprint regardless of payment.	Medical: OKDHS is a reciprocal state for Medicaid purposes. Policy cites: 340-75-15-126 to 128.5 and 75-15-129	OKDHS ADOPTIONS does have purchase of services agreements with private agencies in other states IF the family has already utilized them rather than the public agency, in order to provide permanency for our children. POS amounts paid by Oklahoma are \$5000. = \$2500 @ placement and \$2500 @ finalization	OKDHS requires a minimum of once a month face-to-face contact IN THE HOME with each child in custody. In addition Oklahoma requires a 6 month trial period for all adoptions before finalization. Post adoption services provided in Oklahoma can be found in policy 340-75-15-124 to 1333.	OKDHS utilizes several resources: http://www.adoptuskids.org http://www.adoptex.org http://www.adoption.com http://www.usadopteurope.com http://www.adopt-abroad.com Children's Bureau		OKDHS contracts for the processing of Adoption ICPC services with HERITAGE family services.	http://www.okdhs.org/	Adoption Services: Heritage Family Services or Linda Foster	Heritagefs@aol.com Linda.foster@okdhs.org	Child Protection: 1-800-522-3511 Adoption Services: 1-877-okswhit 1-877-657-9438 Adoption Assistance: 1-877-okswhit 1-877-657-9438 Foster care: 1-800-376-9729
Pennsylvania	Browse the site and select Title 55 Public Welfare, Chapter 3490	Medical coverage for children being placed out of state: Pennsylvania Interstate Office uses the CY 935 form that must be completed by the County Children and Youth Office as part of each interstate referral package. This form is entitled Interstate Compact Financial/Medical Plan. The Caseworker must check off the appropriate box that identifies how the child's medical and financial needs will be met in the other state. Educational expenses: Pennsylvania does not charge tuition for children placed from other states into foster or pre-adoptive homes. This issue was resolved a few years ago with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. However, there are other states where School Districts do charge tuition for children placed in foster homes or pre-adoptive homes. They usually bill the losing School District or the Children and Youth Agency is left to pay the tuition.	POS Online Directory Pennsylvania Code - See Chapter 55	SWAN Bulletin Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange	SWAN Bulletin Pennsylvania Code: Browse the site and select Title 55 Public Welfare		ICAMA Cover Letter Form 601r Form 602c Form 603r ICAMA Bulletin2 CFSR Plan Bulletin	http://www.dpw.state.pa.us	Golden, Cndi	cgolden@state.pa.us	(717) 783-7287
Rhode Island	We do BCI and DCYF checks and fingerprinting. If a receiving state does not have the ability to do fingerprinting, we will waive that.	Medical coverage: When RI is the sending state and the child is covered either through IV-E funding or through RI state funds. When RI is the receiving state we expect IV-E funding or coverage by the sending state. Educational costs: When RI is the sending state, we do not cover educational costs - unless the receiving state (e.g., VA) requires it. When RI is the receiving state we do not ask the sending state to cover any educational costs.	When RI is the receiving state, we approve only one POS residential placement - Harmony Hill. When RI is the sending state, we utilize about 20 out-of-state residential placements (names of all of these placements not available at this time).	Home study requirements - we use the same format for ICPC studies as we do for foster care and adoption. A minimum of two visits.	Post placement supervision is the same for sending and receiving, i.e., one visit per month, quarterly reports and referrals.		State Policies and Regulations	http://www.dhs.state.ri.us	Robbins, Maureen	maureen.robbins@dcyf.ri.gov	(401) 528-3799
Wisconsin	Criminal Background Checks			Home Study Requirements	Standards - Page 7		Children's Code Juvenile Justice Code	http://dhsfs.wisconsin.gov	Langer, Dale	langedw@dhsfs.state.wi.us	(608) 266-3595