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ICPC Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Central Time Zone.

FAX: (573) 522-2199

GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. Section 210.620 RS Mo.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Class D felony to surrender child without first obtaining a court order to transfer custody of child (Section 453.110 RS Mo).

Age of Majority. 18 years of age (Section 115.133 RS Mo). Under Juvenile Code - 17 years (Section 211.031 RS Mo). The Court may continue jurisdiction until 21 years (Section 211.041 RS Mo).

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile Family Division of Circuit Court: delinquent, dependent, neglected, abused children, termination of parental rights; adoptive petitions (Section 211.031; 453.010; 211.442 211.487; 210.125 RS Mo). Circuit Court: domestic relations (Section 452.130 - 452.550 RS Mo). First class counties have Family Court Division of Circuit Court; all others have Juvenile Court Division of Circuit Court.

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REQUIREMENTS

Reports. When court has placed child with authorized agency and/or in foster home, court required by law to review status of placement every six months; agency to file written status report every six months. Indefinite period of foster placement prohibited; agency to petition court to review status of placement for purposes of leaving child in foster home or returning child to natural parent(s), or placing child for adoption (Sections 210.700 - 210.760 RS Mo).

Licensing Requirements. Institutions and child care facilities licensed by Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services (Sections 210.201 - 210.560 RS Mo). Licenses are issued for up to 2 years (Section 210.486 RS Mo).

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Divorce/Custody. Agency does not complete divorce/custody studies. Contact local court for information. ICPC Unit will act as forwarding center if local court cannot be determined.

PLACEMENTS

Foster Care. All foster homes must be licensed by the Division of Family Services or other agency authorized by statute to license foster home (e.g. Department of Mental Health).

Missouri children placed into foster care in other states must be placed in a licensed foster home which meets the receiving state's licensing requirements. Missouri foster care rates will be paid unless otherwise noted.

Independent Adoptive Placements. Are illegal in Missouri if the birth mother is the sending party, except as provided in item 3 below. Section 453.014 RS Mo permits the following persons/agencies to place a minor for adoption: (1) the Division of Family Services of the Department of Social Services; (2) a child placing agency licensed pursuant to Sections 210.481 210.536; (3) the child's parents, without the direct or indirect assistance of an intermediary, in the home of a relative of the child within the third degree; (4) an intermediary, which shall include an attorney licensed pursuant to Chapter 484; a physician licensed pursuant to Chapter 334; or a clergyman of the parents.

Adoption Petition. Petition is filed in Juvenile Family Court of the county in which the person seeking to adopt resides or in which the person sought to be adopted may be (Section 453.010 RS Mo). Minimum time between filing of petition and final decree is six (6) months (Section 453.080 RS Mo). Foster parents who have had a child in their home for at least 12 months may file adoption petition (Section 453.070 RS Mo). Court has discretion to waive time between filing of petition and final decree.

Residential Placements.

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Placements into residential facilities require prior interstate approval. Educational and medical facilities are exempt.

-Requirements for Placements: Appropriate notification as prescribed by the Interstate Compact Rules & Regulations. All facilities must be licensed, except if exempt by statute. (Section 210.481 - 210.536).

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-Approval of Facilities: Child caring and/or child placing agencies and their satellite foster homes, Group Foster Homes, and Residential Treatment facilities are licensed by the Missouri Division of Family Services Institutional Licensing Section.

-Rate Setting: Rates are set by the facility. Specific costs are determined by the placing party and the provider, based upon need and the level of care required.

-Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility rests with the sending agency and the residential facility. The ICPC Office will assist, if requested.

-Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Placements are to be made in approved and/or licensed facilities appropriate to the needs of the child. Legal and financial responsibilities remain with the sending agency.

Requirements for Foster Care Placements. If the sending agency will be making a foster care payment utilizing Title IV-E funds to the proposed Missouri relative or non-relative caregiver, then the caregiver must be licensed. Such licensure is based upon licensing standards of Missouri and does require the caregiver to attend foster parent training prior to issuance of a license. A provisional license cannot be issued. Placement of the child cannot occur until the foster home license has been issued by Missouri (except as provided under ICPC Regulation 1 whenever a foster family is moving into Missouri).

If the proposed caregiver is a non-relative of the child who is to be placed into Missouri, that caregiver must be licensed as a foster home under Missouri's licensing standards regardless of the method of payment being made for the care of the child. Placement of the child cannot occur until the foster home license has been issued by Missouri (except as provided under ICPC Regulation 1 whenever a foster family is moving into Missouri).

If the proposed caregiver is a relative (as defined under Missouri DFS regulations) of the child who is to be placed into Missouri and if that caregiver will be receiving TANF or some other form of assistance which does not include Title IV-E funds, it is not necessary for the relative to be licensed as a foster home. However, the relative caregiver must have a home study completed and the home study must be approved before a child can be placed into that home.

PAYMENTS

Payments. By Missouri agency are allowed on behalf of non-resident children placed with relatives in Missouri.

Medicaid Payments. Are provided for Missouri children placed with foster parents and relatives (excluding natural parents) if out-of-state providers agree to enroll and participate in Missouri Medicaid programs.

Foster Care Payments. Are made to licensed foster parents. If the Child is related to the foster parents, payment cannot be made unless the relative is certified/licensed as a foster parent. Missouri rate applies in out-of-state placement.

Special Education Payments. To be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse. Calls from outside of Missouri are not toll free. Telephone: (573) 751-3448, available 24 hours per day.

Juvenile Compact Office. Telephone: (573) 751-1283.

Mental Health Compact Office. Telephone (573) 751-6739.