



The National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) is a national electronic system for quickly and securely exchanging all the data and documents required by the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) to place children safely and securely across state lines.

The Link keeps the members of the AAICPC connected and up to date. Each quarter of the year, *The Link* will deliver pertinent information regarding NEICE and the incredible strides that have been made to assist the members of the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC).

# On The Way To Onboarding

## STATE UPDATES

The holidays are approaching and the NEICE Team is thankful for all the great collaboration with the newest states in the onboarding process. Here's an update on the awesome work that has been taking place.



Massachusetts (Onboarded as NCH-Direct) - Let's welcome Massachusetts as our newest NCH state. Their IT and ICPC teams worked hard to join NEICE successfully on October 30, 2023, as the 43rd NEICE state. Awesome teamwork! Way to go!

**Montana (Onboarding as MCMS)** - Montana is connected to the Secure Document Portal (SDP) in production. They are ready to begin accepting and sending documents through SDP while they continue to work towards joining NEICE. Thank you to the Montana team and Tetrus for getting this accomplished!

**Delaware (Onboarding as NCH-Direct)** - Delaware has been meeting with the NEICE Team and working with Tetrus on technical specifications to connect to NEICE. Great job on your hard work to getting onboard!

Colorado (Onboarding as NCH-Direct) - Colorado held their Secure Document Portal (SDP) Demo with Tetrus. As a decentralized state, the ICPC Deputy Compact Administrator has been working hard along with the county liaisons to get to this point in the process. The team is now in the testing phase before moving to production in the SDP. Keep up the good work!

**Oklahoma (Onboarding as MCMS)** - Oklahoma is in the process of scheduling their NEICE Kickoff. The Oklahoma team has made great strides in preparing for this kickoff. Job well done!

**Oregon (Onboarding as MCMS)** - Oregon is conducting bi-weekly meetings with the NEICE Team and working with Tetrus in the process of interfacing NEICE with their state system. Cheers for reaching this accomplishment!

Be sure to visit the NEICE Knowledge Base for the most current map of states on NEICE.

**NEICE SUPPORT DESK** 

# Clearinghouse Direct States to update their systems to 2.0

We want to alert all NEICE partners about an upcoming conversion process for NEICE Clearinghouse Direct states. **NCH-Direct states must transition their connection to NEICE from Version 1.0 to 2.0 by May 31, 2024**. This is because Microsoft is retiring the original Azure cloud interface. After their deadline of August 30, 2024, Microsoft will cease offering support, security updates and technical support to partners using the outdated technology.

This means, the NEICE 1.0 connection will not be supported and may not work after Microsoft's August 2024 deadline. There are currently nine states that need to convert to NEICE 2.0. This change will not affect the MCMS and CMS states, but it will improve the consistency of the NEICE experience for all NEICE users.

Monthly meetings, as well as individual state meetings, are scheduled with the nine states to assist with the conversion process. Visit the NEICE Knowledge Base to choose a time and sign up.

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# Meet The New AAICPC Executive Committee

Executive Committee (EC) is an elected body that works with the AAICPC Secretariat to advance policy and practice directives and initiatives to improve the national administration of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). The 2023-2024 Executive Committee members are:

**President**: Shannon Freeman (WA) **Vice President**: Trissie Casanova (VT)

Treasurer: Scott Boland (FL)

Immediate Past President: Heather Spencer (OH)

**At Large Members**: Caitlyn Bickford (NH), Carolyn "Rene" Blake (TX), Niesha Robinson (GA), Tameka Rose-Kelley (VA), Tara Williams (SC), and

Francis "Mike" Casey (DE)

AAICPC Secretariat Staff: Carla Fults and Beth Mullins
Director, Interstate Affairs and Compact Operations: Carla Fults
Compact Associate: Beth Mullins

The Association for the Administrators on the Placement of Children (AAICPC) has started its committee work in preparation for the 2024 AAICPC National Conference. Committee members use their talents, leadership, and organizational skills to advance the vision of the AAICPC.

## This Month's Q & A Tips



## **DECENTRALIZED STATES**

Decentralized states have a special place in the ICPC process. These states are administrated on a county-by-county basis, where the local (county office) receives or sends ICPC paperwork in addition to the state's centralized ICPC office. These states are **California**. **Colorado**, and **Ohio**.

Visit the <u>ICPC state pages</u> to learn more about each of these states. In this issue, the focus will be on providing the necessary steps to take when cases are sent to the WRONG county in decentralized states.

If you find yourself in this predicament, have no fear. There is a simple and easy solution to correct your problem. Visit the link below to resolve your dilemma. You will find the necessary NEICE job aid for step-by-step instructions to get your case back on the right track!

**NEICE KNOWLEDGE BASE** 

## **NEICE INTERSTATE IDS**

When a case is created in NEICE, state IDs are assigned to the Case, Child, and Placement Resource based on the state's sequence of IDs. These IDs are unique to the sending state. When the case is sent from the sending state to the receiving state through the NEICE Clearinghouse, the data is validated. If the case is valid, the three Interstate IDs are assigned to the

case: Interstate Case ID, Interstate Child ID, and Interstate Placement Resource ID. These IDs are common/shared between the sending and receiving states. These shared identifiers ensure that both states can identify the correct cases, children, and placement resources. The Interstate Case ID contains easy-to-recognize, helpful information.

For example, the interstate Case ID BASDFL2023365 tells the user the following:

BA – two random alpha characters

SD – two-character code for Sending state

FL - two-character code for Receiving state

2023 – year in which the case was created

365 – sequence of cases created by the state in that year

## **Upcoming Events**



## **Coordinator Training**

• Dec. 13, 2023



## **Caseworker Training**

• Nov. 15, 2023

• Dec. 20, 2023

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## **Meetings**

#### **NEICE User Meeting**

• Jan. 25, 2024

## NCH 1.0 to 2.0 Conversion Meeting

- Dec.13, 2023
- Jan. 12, 2024

## **NCH Meeting**

- Nov. 16, 2023
- Dec. 21, 2023

#### **NEICE Guidance Committee**

- Nov. 17, 2023
- Dec. 15, 2023

## Resources

"Team. Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." - Henry Ford



AAICPC Resource Page for decentralized state listings: Resources | AAICPC | APHSA

#### NCH STATES:

**NEICE Clearinghouse Direct States: NEICE Support Desk** 

Correcting An ICPC case Sent to the Wrong State:

Correcting Cases Sent to the Wrong State: NEICE Support Desk

## **NEICE Guidance Committee:**

Heather Spencer (OH), Mical Peterson (MN), Scott Boland (FL), Regi Daniel (DC), Erica Cabrera (IL), Carissa Decker (ID), David Minko (AZ), Karen Austin (LA), Carrie Pederson (WI), Shannon Freeman (WA), and Donald Travis (IN)

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