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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services to complete all required paperwork and monitor any child that is involved with the Youth Court through Interstate Compact.

Each state that is a party to the Interstate Compact on Juveniles shall process all referrals involving all juveniles in which services have been requested, providing that the juvenile is under juvenile jurisdiction in the sending state.

Supervision shall not be transferred to another state without receiving verbal or written approval from the Interstate Compact on Juveniles office.

II. DEFINITIONS

None

III. PROCEDURE

When an Interstate Compact case is initiated, the sending state shall ensure that the following referral documents are completed and are forwarded to the Interstate Compact Division within the Mississippi Department of Human Services: Form IA/VI, Form IV, Order of Adjudication and Disposition, Conditions of the Probation, Legal and Social History (if available), Petition and/or Arrest Report, and any other helpful information deemed to be of benefit to the receiving state.

Note: Parole conditions shall be forwarded to the receiving state upon the juvenile's release from an institution.

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A. Home Evaluations

Home evaluations must be completed on each juvenile that is sent through Interstate Compact. The home evaluation form can be located on the Interstate Compact website at www.juvenilecompact.org. When completing home evaluations, staff must use safety. One may ask local law enforcement or other staff to accompany them on the home evaluation.

B. Supervision Fee

Neither sending nor receiving states can impose a supervision fee on any juvenile who is supervised under the provisions of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

C. Communication and Confidentiality

All communication between states, whether it be written or verbal, on Interstate Compact on Juveniles issues shall be transmitted to the Mississippi Department of Human Services Interstate Compact Division. Communication may occur through local jurisdictions with the **approval** of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles offices in both states.

Confidentiality rules shall be respected during communication involving any Interstate Compact case.

D. Release of Supervision

All Interstate Compact cases supervised by the Division of Youth Services must submit a written request for release or termination of interstate compact supervision. If the period of supervision or court order has expired, staff shall forward a summary report to the Mississippi Department of Human Services-Interstate Compact Division, explaining that the time has expired and unless otherwise notified, the case will be closed.

E. Deny Supervision

No case can be denied supervision based solely on the juvenile's age or offense.

Supervision may be denied if the home evaluation of a non-custodial person of the proposed placement is unsuitable and the juvenile will reside with the non-custodial person, due to the person entitled to legal custody does not reside in that state.

F. Travel Permits

Travel Permits and Agreements to Return shall be issued to all juveniles subjected to the terms of Interstate Compact.

Travel Permits and Agreements shall be issued to all juveniles subjected to the terms of Interstate Compact on Juveniles for visits, vacations, and all other referrals in which a juvenile has been adjudicated for any of the following: sex-related offenses, violent offenses in which there was personal injury or death, or an offense involving a weapon.

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Travel Permits shall be issued for visits/vacations if the visit will exceed 48 hours.

Out-of-state travel shall be approved by the Youth Services Counselor or court designee supervising the juvenile. The authorization shall be provided to the Mississippi Department of Human Services Interstate Compact Division prior to the travel. The travel form can be located at www.juvenilecompact.org

G. Notification and Supervision

If a juvenile has been adjudicated for a sex-related offense and an interstate compact referral is made, a copy of the juvenile's current risk assessment (YASI) and any other pertinent information shall be included with the Interstate Compact packet.

If there are state statutorily-mandated progress report requirements for juvenile sex offenders that exceed the quarterly reports, the Youth Services staff shall comply with the more stringent rule.

H. Sexual Offenders

(See current law on sex offenders)