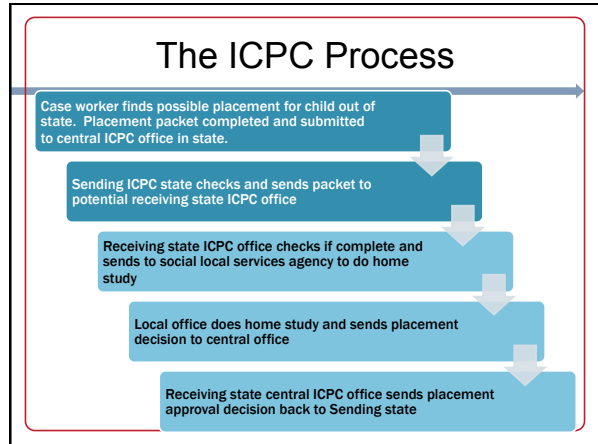




The National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) Pilot

Transforming ICPC Data Exchange Among States

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The Current Way (50 to 87 days)



NEICE Project Goals

1. Increase administrative efficiency of the ICPC process
2. Improve service delivery for children
3. Reduce barriers for children to access interstate placement



Our Partners



**Children's
Bureau**



AAICPC
Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children



APHSA
Association for Public Health State Administrators



Tetrus



WRMA
Walter R. McDonald & Associates, Inc.

State of Florida



NEICE Timeline

2013


- Kick Off (Nov)
- Vendor Bid & State Applications (Dec – Jan)

2014

- Tetrus Corporation selected (Jan 2014)
- Six states selected: IN, FL, NV, SC, WI and DC (Jan 2014)
- Design and Development of NEICE system (Feb-Jun 2014)
- Launch (Aug 2014)
- Operation (Aug 2014 – April 2015)

2015


- Evaluation Report to be Released (May 2015)



NEICE features

NEICE allows case workers and ICPC coordinators to:


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import child welfare data to reduce duplicate data entry • Scan and upload documents to be attached to the case • Create and transmit 100A and 100Bs electronically • Check whether identified placement resources already exist in NEICE system • Explore more than one placement resource at a time • Create sibling groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor cases sent to other states • Track and process cases received in a state • Utilize electronic signatures • Uses appropriate security and access protocols • Either pulls from or sends to the SACWIS system • Uses modern IT platforms from which to build or connect to other systems
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NEICE Stats

As of April 15, 2015

<p>4,503 Cases In NEICE <small>Averaging 160 cases/week</small></p> <p>5,507 Children in NEICE</p> <p>Total 6,150 home studies processed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,912 approved 2,752 pending 1,153 denied 27 provisionally approved 172 withdrawn 134 returned 	<p>200 users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 130 caseworkers 18 ICPC coordinators 21 with deletion authority 2 single NEICE ADMIN 9 state admins 19 View Only
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Preliminary Findings – Time Savings

- Average number of business days from the time the Sending State identifies the ICPC case, prepares 100-A packet, and sends to Receiving State decreased from baseline 18 days to 7 days.
- Priority Placements decreased from 9 days to 4 days on average.
- Average number of business days from the time the Receiving State receives the 100-A packet, completes the home study, and the placement decision is made decreased from 46 days to 25 days.
- Total: 73 days down to 36 days



Preliminary Findings - Cost savings if taken nationwide

There are approximately 65,000 children in an ICPC placement each year. At an average cost of \$25.26 per case, the approximate copying and mailing costs are \$1,600,000 nationally.

* Does not include staffing or placement cost savings *



Next Steps – Sustainability

- **Communications:**
 - Disseminate information about the NEICE through various communication channels
- **Engagement:**
 - Orient states, stakeholders to the new technology enabling the ICPC to be administered electronically
- **Expand**
 - Expand the NEICE system nationwide



Next Steps – Continued...

- **Congressional Briefing**
 - Goals:
 - Expand the NEICE system nationwide
 - Show Congress where innovation in CW is working well & saving money to seek funding designation to build out the system
 - Encourage stakeholders to share the successful results of this system with state administrators to encourage adoption of the system



National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) Pilot Project

NEICE
National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise

Supporting Permanent Families for Children by Transforming the Cross-State Data Exchange for the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)

The American Public Human Services Association, the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, and Voice for Adoption, together with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), the Children's Bureau (CB)

Invite you to attend a Congressional Briefing on Child Welfare and Data Interoperability
[Click Here to RSVP](#)

FEBRUARY 3, 2015 2:00-3:00pm Rayburn B-318

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

ACIC ACFHSA
Voice for Adoption Children's Bureau

APHSA

Potential Future System Impact...

- **Cross system data sharing**
 - Use of NIEM standards to translate the data
 - Future system expansion (not apart of this project, but thinking big picture) could allow other systems to communicate with each other
 - For example: interoperability potential with other important and serious issues at hand, such as human trafficking, adoption re-homing, and youth seen as cross-over by both child welfare and juvenile justice.



Questions and Answers?

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