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)

The ICPC Process

Case worker finds possible placement for child out of state. Placement packet completed and submitted to central ICPC office in state.

Sending ICPC state checks and sends packet to potential receiving state ICPC office

Receiving state ICPC office checks if complete and sends to social local services agency to do home study

Local office does home study and sends placement decision to central office

Receiving state central ICPC office sends placement approval decision back to sending state

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

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 allows case workers and ICPC coordinators to:
• 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
• 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

NEICE Stats
As of April 15, 2015

4,503 Cases in NEICE
Averaging 160 cases/week

5,507 Children in NEICE

Total 6,150 home studies processed
1,912 approved
2,752 pending
1,153 denied
27 provisionally approved
172 withdrawn
134 returned

200 users
130 caseworkers
18 ICPC coordinators
21 with deletion authority
2 single NEICE ADMIN
9 state admins
19 View Only

NEICE features
### 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

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### 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 *

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### 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

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### 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
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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