



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:2-52-06 Requirements applicable to interstate placement of children when the PCPA, PNA, or court is the receiving agency.

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(A) The Ohio interstate compact on the placement of children (ICPC) office within the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) shall serve as the central approving authority for all requests for services related to the placement of children into or outside of Ohio by private child placing agencies (PCPA), private noncustodial agencies (PNA) and courts.

(B) If the potential resource is not already certified or approved, and the PCPA, PNA, or court receives a request from the Ohio ICPC office for the evaluation of an Ohio placement resource, the PCPA, PNA, or court shall:

(1) Prepare the home assessment in accordance with the administrative rule governing the placement resource being considered.

(a) A foster home shall be evaluated pursuant to Chapters 5101:2-5 and 5101:2-7 of the Administrative Code.

(b) An adoptive home shall be evaluated pursuant to Chapter 5101:2-48 of the Administrative Code.

(c) A relative or non-relative kin home shall be evaluated pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-18 of the Administrative Code unless the sending state requires the relative or non-relative kin to be certified as a foster home or approved as an adoptive home.

(d) If a parent home is to be evaluated, rule 5101:2-42-18 of the Administrative Code may be used as a guideline, however the restrictions listed in paragraphs (F) and (G) of rule 5101:2-42-18 of the Administrative Code do not apply to parent home assessments, unless the sending state requires the parent to be certified as a foster parent or approved as an adoptive home.

(2) Prior to the final approval of the interstate placement, the following documentation must be submitted to the Ohio ICPC office:



- (a) The home assessment narrative.

- (b) A written statement that assures:
 - (i) The prospective caregivers were provided all available information about the child.

 - (ii) The PCPA, PNA, or court will be supervising the placement.

- (c) All required attachments to the homestudy in accordance with the rule for the type of home that is the subject of the assessment, such as copies of criminal background checks, references, etc.

- (3) If a homestudy can not be completed and a recommendation made within thirty business days, notification of the delay shall be sent to the Ohio ICPC office prior to the expiration of the thirty day period so that the sending state may be notified.

- (C) If the Ohio ICPC office approves the placement of a child for whom the PCPA, PNA, or court has an agreement to provide supervision, the PCPA, PNA, or court shall:
 - (1) Begin providing monthly face to face supervision.

 - (2) Submit progress reports to the Ohio ICPC office monthly.

 - (3) Notify the sending agency and the Ohio ICPC office if the child's placement disrupts and there is a need to make immediate plans for the child's return to the sending state or for an alternative placement.