



**A Full Service Licensed Child Placing Agency**

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## Understanding Interstate Compact (ICPC)

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ICPC is the law that requires State offices for both states involved in an adoption to review the adoption paperwork before the child can cross state lines to come home.

For example if you reside in Utah and you are adopting a baby from Texas. You will fly to Texas to pick up the child. After the consents have been signed by the birth mother, you may have the child in your custody, but you may not leave the state of Texas until the ICPC offices there (The Sending State) have had time to read the consents and your Home study, (amongst other vital information) and sign off on it and then send it back to Utah (The receiving State) where they will read and sign off on it as well. They will then give approval that you may come home, this process can take anywhere up to 30 business days, however it usually goes quicker than that.

This is a very rough idea of what ICPC is. The most important things for you to know is that:

1. It is the law.
2. It is run by the government, and therefore it is out of our control.
3. There is nothing we can do to speed it up, the ICPC offices do not like it when we call them to ask if they have approval yet.
4. You will be with your baby or child at this time, so please relax and enjoy this time with your new one.

We have found it necessary to have this form in your file so we know you were told about ICPC. If you do not understand ICPC, you can ask us for more detailed information and possible solutions to your concerns before you leave your home state to pick up your child.

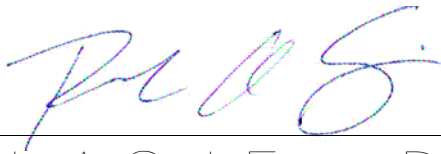
*I have read this form and understand ICPC, or if I do not understand I will ask for more information from a staff member at All for Love Adoptions Inc. before I leave to pick up my child.*

Adoptive Father \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Adoptive Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Robin A. Smith, Executive Director

