

HEART AND SOUL ADOPTIONS

YOUR FULL-SERVICE LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY



Interstate Compact (ICPC)

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 California, you will fly to California 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 California until the ICPC offices in California (the sending State) have had time to read the consents and your Homestudy, (amongst other vital information) and sign off on it and then send it to Utah (the receiving State) where they will read and sign off on it. Then they will give approval that you may come home. This process can take anywhere from 5-12 business days.

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

1. It is the law.
2. It is run by the government, and therefore out of our control.
3. There is nothing we can do to speed it up.

We have found it necessary to have this form in your file so we know your were told about ICPC and so you know if you do not understand ICPC,that you can ask us for more detailed information and possible solutions to your concerns.

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 Heart and Soul Adoptions, Inc., before I am on a plane to pick up my child.

Adoptive Mother _____ Date _____

Adoptive Father _____ Date _____