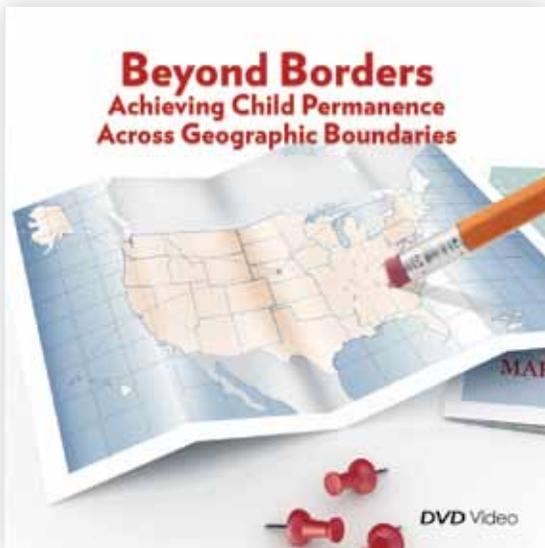


BEYOND BORDERS

Achieving Child Permanence Across Geographic Boundaries

DVD Companion Guide



About the Beyond Borders DVD

Through the voices of experienced child welfare professionals, *Beyond Borders: Achieving Child Permanence Across Geographic Boundaries* encourages viewers to think critically about the essential ingredients for ensuring high quality interjurisdictional service delivery to children, youth, and families in spite of any challenges that may be involved. *Beyond Borders* features child welfare professionals from across the country sharing their experience, skills, wisdom, and knowledge with the purpose of encouraging jurisdictions to embrace the practice principles

that ensure successful interjurisdictional placements. The *Beyond Borders* DVD includes a short three-minute preview intended to stimulate viewers' interest in delving more deeply into the rich potential of interjurisdictional placements. The DVD also features a full 20-minute video that explores insights into key elements involved with making interjurisdictional placements work.

About This Guide

This guide is intended to bolster the impact that may be achieved by the full *Beyond Borders* video. The following sections offer discussion questions that you can use with administrators and managers, supervisors, and front-line personnel. At the end of this guide, you'll find additional resources related to interjurisdictional placements.

We encourage you to use the *Beyond Borders* DVD as a starting point for rich discussions in your agency about how you currently use interjurisdictional placements and ways that you can strengthen your agency's and child welfare system's capacity and infrastructure to seek permanency options for children in foster care across geographic boundaries.

Discussion Questions for Administrators and Managers

- To what extent is our jurisdiction engaging in interjurisdictional placements?
- To what extent does our jurisdiction incorporate interjurisdictional practice in concurrent planning for children and youth?
- What policies and procedures do we already have in place that support effective interjurisdictional practice?
- What improvements are needed to ensure that all levels of our jurisdiction's child welfare system provide support to children and youth who achieve permanency through placement with families in a different jurisdiction?
- What steps do we currently take to ensure that children and youth coming from outside our jurisdiction are supported as they join a family within our jurisdiction?
- Thinking about the "barriers" and "essential ingredients" outlined in the video, what are our jurisdiction's top three priorities to address?

Discussion Questions for Supervisors

- How do we support workers in developing the skills and knowledge needed to carry out interjurisdictional placements effectively?
- What do we see as the greatest needs of front-line workers with regard to interjurisdictional practice?
- What can our jurisdiction do better to ensure effective service delivery for children and youth who achieve permanency through an interjurisdictional placement?

- What changes do we need to make in our work with supervisees to ensure that interjurisdictional resources are considered as part of concurrent planning?
- As we consider the "barriers" and "essential ingredients" outlined in the video, what are our top three priorities to address as a developing professional in a supervisory role?

Discussion Questions for Front-line Workers

- What concerns do we have about interjurisdictional placements?
- What supports are currently available within our agency to help us effectively engage in interjurisdictional placement practices?
- What additional support, if any, would further bolster our interjurisdictional placement practices?
- What additional steps might we be able to take to include families from other jurisdictions in concurrent planning?
- What steps can we take to better prepare children and youth who have the potential of achieving permanency with a family in another jurisdiction?
- As we consider the "barriers" and "essential ingredients" outlined in the video, what do we see as our current strengths related to interjurisdictional placement practice (both individually and as an agency)?
- What is one thing we can each do to improve our knowledge and skills related to interjurisdictional placement practice?



Additional Resources

AdoptUSKids

<http://adoptuskids.org>

Resources for Interjurisdictional Placements

<http://adoptuskids.org/for-professionals/free-resources/resources-for-interjurisdictional-placements>

Dollars and Sense: A Guide to Achieving Adoptions through Public-Private Contracting

http://adoptuskids.org/_assets/files/NRCRRFAP/resources/dollars-and-sense.pdf

ICPC Receiving State Checklist

http://adoptuskids.org/_assets/files/NRCRRFAP/resources/ICPC-receiving-state-checklist.pdf

ICPC Sending State Checklist

http://adoptuskids.org/_assets/files/NRCRRFAP/resources/ICPC-sending-state-checklist.pdf

2011 National Adoption Month Capacity Building Toolkit

“Section 5: Interjurisdictional Placements”

http://adoptuskids.org/_assets/files/NRCRRFAP/resources/national-adoption-month-toolkit-2011.pdf

Agency Readiness Assessment for Interjurisdictional Placements

http://adoptuskids.org/_assets/files/NRCRRFAP/resources/agency-readiness-assessment-for-interjurisdictional-placements.pdf

Association of Administrators for the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance

www.aaicama.org

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

<http://icpc.aphsa.org>

Child Welfare Information Gateway

www.childwelfare.gov

Search  [Interjurisdictional State Specific Resources](#)

National Resource Center for Recruitment and Retention of Foster and Adoptive Parents at AdoptUSKids

www.adoptuskids.org/nrc-recruitment



More free resources at:
www.nrcdr.org

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