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DATE: February 10, 2009
TO: County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors
FROM: Margaret C. Carpenter, Administrator 
SUBJECT: Interstate Compact for Juveniles

This memo is to inform you about recent and upcoming changes in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). The compact governs the return of youth who have run away or absconded across state lines, and provides for courtesy supervision of delinquent youth when youth and their families move to another state.

Wisconsin ICJ Staff: I'm pleased to announce the new Wisconsin coordinator for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles is Ann Bailey. Ann replaces Mary Keyes, who left DJC in December to coordinate the adult probation and parole interstate compact. Ann may be reached by phone at 608-240-5931, by fax at 608-240-3370, and by e-mail at ann.bailey@wisconsin.gov. Please join me in welcoming Ann to her new position.

New Compact in Effect: In August 2008, the 35th state ratified the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles, which meant the new compact went into effect in Wisconsin and the other 34 states that had signed it into law. [Note: Wisconsin ratified the new ICJ by passing 2005 WI Act 234.] In December, I attended the first meeting of the Interstate Commission on Juveniles as Wisconsin's representative. Made up of one member from each state that ratified the new compact, the Interstate Commission is charged with setting rules governing the operation of the compact, resolving disputes between states, and tracking data. During 2009, the Commission will develop rules to implement the new compact. Until the promulgation of the new rules, the Commission has adopted the rules that were in place under the old Interstate Compact on Juveniles (that is, the rules of the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators) as interim rules. As we find out more about how the new rules might change how the ICJ works in Wisconsin, we will provide information and training to you and your staff.

State Advisory Board: The state law that ratified the new ICJ created a board to advise the Department of Corrections about matters affecting the Interstate Commission on Juveniles and the operation of the ICJ in Wisconsin [s. 938.999(9)]. The composition of the five-member board is specified in the law, as follows:

1. Compact administrator, deputy compact administrator or designee
2. Legislative branch representative
3. Judicial branch representative
4. Executive branch representative
5. Victims groups representative

We look forward to the formation of the advisory board in the coming months. We also will use additional means to seek suggestions from persons and agencies with an interest in the ICJ. It is our goal to implement the new compact with a high degree of participation by our partners in county agencies, the courts and other system stakeholders.

If you have questions, you may contact Ann Bailey as noted above, or the ICJ supervisor Shelley Hagan at 608-240-5918.

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