

Drafting, Revising and Updating Interstate Compacts

Speaker Bio

Elizabeth Oppenheim

Up until May 2006, Ms. Oppenheim worked for the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA). She directed the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA) for which APHSA serves as the secretariat. In her position as Program Director of AAICAMA, she oversaw the administration of the compact and provided technical and legal assistance for the states with the goal of enhancing practice and policy in special needs adoption both intrastate and interstate cases. In her last 3 years at APHSA, she also oversaw the administration of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) and led APHSA's efforts to improve interstate practice and policy including its national effort to write a comprehensive amended new Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children.

Prior to joining APHSA in 1996, Ms. Oppenheim worked at Neighborhood Legal Services Program where she represented indigent families and children in cases concerning the provision of public benefits. She has also worked at the Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) representing children and families in the foster care system. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Ms. Oppenheim established and directed an alternative therapeutic educational program for children in foster care. She has also served as a case manager for children in foster care. She is the author of numerous articles including: *Delays in the Interstate Home Study Process*, *U.C. Davis Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy* (with Ursula Gilmore and Daniel Pollack), Winter 2004; *Funding for Children in Foster Care: The Keffeler Case*, *Policy and Practice*, March 2003; and *Adoption Assistance for children with Special Needs* (with Alice Bussiere and Ellen Segal), *Adoption Law and Practice*, May 1999. Ms. Oppenheim received her J.D. degree from the Washington College of Law at the American University and her B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She wrote her legal thesis on *the Potential of the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-27)*. She can be reached at: lOppenheim21@yahoo.com.

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Since 1985, Kermit Humphries has monitored grant and technical assistance activities for the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), Community Corrections Division. During that time he has been responsible for NIC's training and programs for parole board members and parole chairs; managed cooperative agreements providing assistance to state probation and parole decision-makers in the areas of program design; structured release decision making; and violation and revocation issues; and managed the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision initiative for NIC. Currently, Kermit serves as the program manager for the Transition from Prison to Community (TPC), and Transition from Jails to Community (TJC) initiatives; and provides staff support to the State Executives of Probation and Parole Network. Before joining NIC in 1985, he was a Probation/Parole Officer and District Supervisor, and served as Community Corrections Planner for the Alaska Department of Corrections. He has a B.A. from Biola University; and a M.A. from Fordham University. Kermit can be reached at: khumphries@bop.gov.

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