



## Division of Community Services

# INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES

*Serving Juveniles – Protecting the Community*



### Many States, One System

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is the state agency responsible for providing rehabilitation and custodial care for the state's juveniles who are on probation, incarcerated, or on parole, as a result of having been adjudicated delinquent for a criminal or status offense.

While a vast majority of the juveniles under DJJ's supervision are South Carolina residents and reside in the state, some juveniles will cross state lines for various reasons such as moving with their parents/guardians, traveling, and a few may leave their home state without permission. To handle these situations DJJ participates in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ).

ICJ is a legal agreement between 49\* states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands that regulates the interstate movement of children who:

- Have run away from home and left their state of residence without permission;
- Are under court supervision on probation, parole, and have absconded to another state;
- Have been accused of an offense in another state;
- Are in need of institutionalization or special services in another state; and/or
- Require probation/parole supervision services when they relocate to another state.

\*Georgia does not currently participate in ICJ, and coordinates juvenile movement and supervision with SC under a Memorandum of Agreement.

DJJ has been a part of ICJ for many years adopting the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles law which was enacted nationally in 2008, replacing the original 1955 compact. Working through the agency's ICJ Commissioner/Coordinator, DJJ staff complete the standardized ICJ paperwork and follow compact procedures to ensure the proper supervision of juveniles across state lines, coordinating their transport or return to the home state, and if necessary their detention.

### ICJ's Benefits

The compact is overseen by the national Interstate Commission for Juveniles. Its goals are to preserve child welfare and promote public safety, victim's rights, enhanced juvenile accountability and safety, and enforcement of protocols and communication among commission members. This collaborative effort makes for a very efficient system of managing these cases.

ICJ strengths are that it opens communication between participating states and establishes a uniform system of data collection and forms pertaining to a juvenile's movement and supervision across state lines. This consistency ensures that solicitors, judges, and other juvenile justice professionals involved in the process are all on the same page with regards to compact operations when working with these juveniles. The individual members work cooperatively in the administration and management of the program.

More information on the Interstate Commission for Juveniles can be found at <http://www.juvenilecompact.org/>



**For more information please contact your local DJJ County Office (full listing on back) or:**

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**For additional DJJ resources please visit our website:**  
<http://www.state.sc.us/djj/>

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age.  
THE FOLLOWING OFFICES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO HANDLE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION POLICIES:  
Title IX – Inspector General's Office – 803-896-9595, Title II & 504 – Special Education Office – 803-896-8484

## DJJ County Office Directory

Abbeville County  
864-366-5312

Darlington County  
843-393-5641

Lee County  
803-484-4550

Aiken County  
803-641-7735

Dillon County  
843-774-4147

Lexington County  
803-359-5526

Allendale County  
803-584-4751

Dorchester County  
843-832-4265

Marion County  
843-431-1110

Anderson County  
864-260-4041

Fairfield County  
803-712-6533

Marlboro County  
843-479-2961

Barnwell County  
803-259-7114

Florence County  
843-665-3080

Newberry County  
803-276-8243

Bamberg County  
803-245-5184

Greenville County  
864-467-5875

Oconee County  
864-638-9537

Beaufort County  
843-525-1351

Greenwood County  
864-229-6648

Orangeburg County  
803-533-6270

Berkeley County  
843-761-8194

Georgetown County  
843-546-8723

Pickens County  
864-878-7560

Charleston County  
843-740-1649

Hampton County  
803-943-4296

Richland County  
803-253-4050

Cherokee County  
864-487-2564

Horry County  
843-915-8969

Spartanburg County  
864-562-4200

Chester County  
803-377-8104

Jasper County  
843-726-5666

Sumter County  
803-778-2368

Chesterfield County  
843-623-2378

Kershaw County  
803-432-9171

Union County  
864-429-1640

Clarendon County  
803-435-8587

Lancaster County  
803-285-9447

Williamsburg County  
843-355-2772

Colleton County  
843-549-1509

Laurens County  
864-984-2518

York County  
803-909-7500

Tri-Counties  
(Edgefield, McCormick, Saluda)  
864-445-8138

*The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is the state cabinet agency responsible for providing custodial care and rehabilitation for the state's children who are incarcerated, on probation or parole, or in community placement for a criminal or status offense. Our mission is to protect the public and reclaim juveniles through prevention, community services, education, and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.*