



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.