



2015 WISCONSIN ACT 369 “ALICIA’S LAW”



FUNDING FOR ICAC CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS

BACKGROUND

On April 19, 2016, *2015 Wisconsin Act 369*, known as “Alicia’s Law,” was signed into law. The legislature drafted Alicia’s Law in order to assist Wisconsin’s Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force with conducting criminal investigative operations. One of the ways Alicia’s Law provides assistance is through an appropriation dedicated to the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force. This fund is managed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), which is the “lead” ICAC Task Force agency in the State of Wisconsin and the agency that manages Wisconsin’s ICAC Task Force.

The ICAC Task Force program goals are to increase the investigation and prosecution of ICAC offenses, and to increase public awareness and prevention of ICAC offenses. The national policy objectives for the ICAC Task Force Program are:

1. Increase the investigative capabilities, including the effectiveness and efficiency, of law enforcement officers in the detection, investigation of qualifying offenses, and the apprehension of offenders;
2. Conduct proactive and reactive ICAC investigations;
3. Increase the number of ICAC (state and federal) offenses being prosecuted;
4. Create a multi-agency task force response to ICAC offenses;
5. Enhance the nationwide response to ICAC offenses;
6. Develop and deliver ICAC public awareness and prevention programs.

The primary purpose of the ICAC Task Force program is to investigate, prosecute, and deter the possession, production, distribution of child pornography and the utilization of the Internet to seek children as sexual victims.

OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT FOR ICAC TASK FORCE AFFILIATE AGENCIES

Alicia’s Law reimbursement will be provided to Wisconsin ICAC Task Force affiliate agencies for overtime for the purpose of conducting ICAC enforcement activities such as execution of search warrants, surveillance, interviews, etc. These activities should be direct efforts to locate evidence of a crime and arrest individuals engaged in crimes against children that are technology-based. For ICAC undercover operations targeting individuals predisposed to online exploitation of children, you will be required to receive pre-approval from the ICAC Commander of the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force for overtime reimbursement.

The purpose and goal is to allow ICAC Task Force affiliate agencies the ability to investigate ICAC cases as quickly as possible (and as a result, allow agencies to work additional investigations) by providing reimbursement for overtime expenses for agency personnel.



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Reimbursement will be provided to Wisconsin ICAC Task Force affiliate agencies for overtime related to conducting Child Sex Trafficking (CST) enforcement activities, including execution of search warrants, surveillance, and interviews. Human Trafficking Undercover Operations can have overtime reimbursed but the Human Trafficking Special Agent in Charge will need to be consulted prior to the operation for pre-approval of reimbursement. There will only be reimbursement for victim recovery type operations and not for sex buyer operations. Due to recovery operations having the potential to re-traumatize a victim, a victim service provider or advocate must be present during your operation to offer services to recovered victims to be considered for reimbursement.

To accommodate our active and growing task force, standard baseline limits have been placed for Alicia's Law Reimbursements. If your investigation is likely to exceed the standard reimbursement, contact the ICAC Task Force Commander to request pre-approval.

- \$1,000 per ICAC or CST Case
- \$2000 for Pre-approved Undercover Operations (contact ICAC Task Force Commander or Human Trafficking SAC to request pre-approval)

To request overtime reimbursement, ALL of the following must apply:

- The overtime is being sought to reimburse an Internet Crimes Against Children or Child Sex Trafficking investigation.
- Overtime is being sought to reimburse an enforcement activity/operation (i.e., search warrant or consent search, “traveler” or trafficking operation, arrest operation, or other priority ICAC activity).
- The requesting agency has a signed current Wisconsin ICAC Task Force MOU on file.
- The requesting agency has uploaded statistical information (“performance measures”) to the ICAC Data System (www.icacdatasystem.com) regarding the operation and investigation and has submitted monthly performance measures for each of the past six months.
- The requesting agency has a current, active, case referral (“CyberTips”) module in ICAC Data System.

Overtime is at the employee’s actual overtime rate (does not include fringe benefits) for overtime costs to conduct the investigative operation.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST PROCESSES

1. Upload statistical information regarding both the investigation and operation into the ICAC Data System (www.icacdatasystem.com).



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2. Submit monthly performance measures to the ICAC Data System for the previous six months.
3. Complete either the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force Overtime Reimbursement Request Form or the Human Trafficking Overtime Reimbursement form in its entirety, including the short synopsis of the case/operation.
4. Submit the reimbursement request form no later than 15 days after the conclusion of a calendar month (i.e., January requests are due no later than February 15).
5. Certify and upload the form to the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force affiliate portal at https://icac.doj.wi.gov/affiliate_submissions/expense. Above the login information on the site, you will see a link “To submit an expense for reimbursement, click here.” Click on that, and then fill out the information, including an uploaded copy of the reimbursement request form. You will need your agency’s account number. If you do not know your agency account number, please contact the Wisconsin DOJ ICAC Task Force program at icac@doj.state.wi.us.
6. Reimbursements will be issued as they are received and processed.

MENTAL WELLNESS VISIT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST PROCESSES

1. Submit monthly performance measures to the ICAC Data System for the previous six months.
2. Have a policy in place that allows mental wellness visits for ICAC assigned staff.
3. The provider must be a qualified mental health provider.
4. Completely fill out the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force Mental Wellness Visit Reimbursement Request Form.
5. Certify and upload the form, a copy of your invoice from the Mental Wellness professional and your mental wellness policy to the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force affiliate portal at https://icac.doj.wi.gov/affiliate_submissions/expense. You will need your agency’s account number. If you do not know your agency account number, please contact the Wisconsin DOJ ICAC Task Force program at icac@doj.state.wi.us.
6. You only must submit your policy the first time you request reimbursement.
7. Submit the reimbursement request form each month.



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KEY CONTACTS

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