



Background Screening Requirements for Group Home Employees

Section 409.145(2)(e), Florida Statutes, requires staff employed by licensed residential child-caring agencies to meet the same education, training and background screening requirements as licensed foster parents and their household members.

Required Background Screenings	Frequency of screening	Effective Date
FDLE/FBI Criminal Records (Check through fingerprinting)	Results valid for 5 years	July 1, 1987
Abuse and Neglect History Records Check	Results valid for 12 months	July 1, 2017
Local Criminal Record Checks	Results valid for 12 months	July 1, 1987
911 Call Out History	Results valid for 12 months	October 20, 2016
Florida Sex Offender & Predator Registry Search	Results valid for 12 months	March 6, 2018
Civil Records Check	Results valid for 12 months	July 1, 2013
Out of State Child Abuse and Neglect Records Check (if applicable)	Required if applicant resided out of state within 5 years upon initial hire	July 1, 2013
Out of State Civil Records Check (if applicable)	Required if applicant resided out of state within 5 years upon initial hire	October 20, 2016 No longer effective: April 18, 2019

Required Background Screenings for Household Members Ages 12-17 Years Old	Frequency of screening
DJJ Juvenile Records Check	Results valid for 12 months
Abuse and Neglect Records Check through Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)	Results valid for 12 months

Questions or Concerns?

Please contact your DCF Regional Licensing Specialist for assistance.

For details on how to complete these background screenings visit:
<http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/video/center/bgscreening/start.html>