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Background Screening

The Department of Children and Families licenses and regulates programs for children and vulnerable adults. Background screening is required to ensure the safety of the vulnerable. Last year, the Department completed almost 300,000 screenings. The Department is one of seven agencies that use the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse or "Clearinghouse". The Clearinghouse is administered by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to provide background screening results for persons seeking employment or licensure that provide services to children, the elderly, or persons with disabilities. Legal requirements relating to background screening through the Clearinghouse can be found in [Chapter 435, Florida Statutes](#). You can find information on how to use the Clearinghouse under Clearinghouse Resources.

- Navigating the Background Screening Resources



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WHAT WILL YOU FIND?

User Guides and Video Tutorials to help you navigate through each step of the background screening process through the Clearinghouse

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Clearinghouse Portal User Registration	Introduction and Tabs
Clearinghouse Results Website Explanation of Results	Initiating a New Screening
DCF Clearinghouse Results Instruction Guide	Initiating a Resubmission
Clearinghouse Care Provider Renewal Instructions	Add or Edit Employment History
Clearinghouse Applicant Request Form	Initiating an Agency Review
Privacy Policy Acknowledgment	Search and Profile Page



CLEARINGHOUSE LOG IN

You can even log into your Clearinghouse account from here:

The screenshot shows the Florida Department of Children and Families website. At the top right, there is a search bar with the text "Apply for Benefits" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is the department's logo and name: "FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Services", "Resource Library", "News and Events", "About", and "Contact Us". Below these links is a horizontal menu with five buttons: "Clearinghouse Login" (with a computer icon), "Clearinghouse Resources" (with a tree icon), "Forms" (with a document icon), "Contact Us" (with a phone icon), and "FAQ" (with a question mark icon). A blue arrow points from the text "Click Here" to the "Clearinghouse Login" button. Below the menu is a white box containing the text "Providers, click the link to the right to login and access your Clearinghouse Account." and a "Provider Login" button with a right-pointing arrow.



AHCA Portal - Login

This Portal Login page will allow an authorized user access to external systems maintained by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for the purpose of viewing and maintaining information.

AHCA Portal Login

User ID:

Password:

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FORMS

Easy access to the Affidavit of Good Moral Character and other frequently used forms



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Frequently used forms for Providers and Applicants.



- [Apply for Exemption From Disqualification](#)
- [OCA Request Form](#)
- [APD Attestation of Good Moral Character](#)
- [Child Care Attestation of Good Moral Character](#)
- [DCF Affidavit of Good Moral Character](#)



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Child Care	402.302	✓	✓ (Federal Requirement)	✓	✓
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Summer Camps	409.175			✓	
Mental Health	394.4572 408.809			✓	
Substance Use Disorders	397.4073 408.809			✓	
Peer Specialists	397.417			✓	
Recovery Residences	397.487			✓	
Recovery Residence Administrators	397.4871			✓	

*Only for Residential Group Home owners, operators, and employees

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HOW CAN I PRINT THESE REQUIREMENTS?

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Answers to your Frequently Asked Questions.



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- [Peers FAQ](#)
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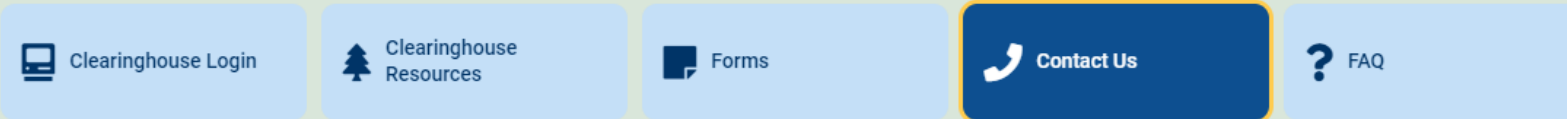
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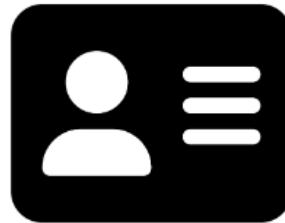
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CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS



Have any questions or concerns? Please reach out to us at the following number or address.



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Florida Relay 711

Agents Available Mon-Fri
8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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