



## Background Screening Requirements for Foster Parents

The Department shall conduct background screenings for all persons considered by the Department for initial licensure or re-licensure as out-of-home caregivers and all household members age 12 and older, pursuant to Sections 409.175, F.S. and 39.0138, F.S. and 65C-45.001, F.A.C.

Required Background Screenings	Frequency of screening	Effective Date
<b>FDLE/FBI Criminal Records (Check through fingerprinting)</b>	Results valid for 5 years	July 1, 1997
<b>Abuse and Neglect History Records Check</b>	Results valid for 12 months	April 6, 2008
<b>Local Criminal Record Check</b>	Results valid for 12 months	April 6, 2008
<b>911 Call Out History</b>	Results valid for 12 months	March 6, 2018
<b>Florida Sex Offender &amp; Predator Registry Search</b>	Results valid for 12 months	March 6, 2018
<b>Civil Records Check</b>	Results valid for 12 months	April 6, 2008
<b>Out of State Child Abuse and Neglect Records Check (if applicable)</b>	Required if applicant resided out of state within 5 years upon initial licensure	April 6, 2008
<b>Out of State Civil Records Check (if applicable)</b>	Required if applicant resided out of state within 5 years upon initial hire	March 6, 2018 <b>No longer effective:</b> April 18, 2019

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

### Questions or Concerns?

Please contact your DCF Regional Licensing Specialist for assistance.