

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
FDLE/FBI Criminal Records (Check through fingerprinting)	Results valid for 5 years	July 1, 1997
Abuse and Neglect History Records Check	Results valid for 12 months	April 6, 2008
Local Criminal Record Check	Results valid for 12 months	April 6, 2008
911 Call Out History	Results valid for 12 months	March 6, 2018
Florida Sex Offender & Predator Registry Search	Results valid for 12 months	March 6, 2018
Civil Records Check	Results valid for 12 months	April 6, 2008
Out of State Child Abuse and Neglect Records Check (if applicable)	Required if applicant resided out of state within 5 years upon initial licensure	April 6, 2008
Out of State Civil Records Check (if applicable)	Required if applicant resided out of state within 5 years upon initial hire	March 6, 2018 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.