

Changes in Background Screening Requirements

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There has been a change in Background Screening requirements for Child Care Licensing:

Based on statutory changes requiring that child care personnel be cleared through background screening prior to employment and direct contact with children, it is has been determined that, effective immediately, the Child

Care program will no longer include local law enforcement checks as part of the Level 2 background screening process. All other components of the background screening process will continue per current policies/procedures. This policy applies to initial screenings and rescreenings for child care facilities, family day care homes (licensed and registered) and large family child care homes.

This policy does not prevent the child care provider from requiring local law enforcement checks as part of their hiring package, but it is no longer a Department requirement for licensure purposes.