



# Practice Alert

Background Checks  
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Per the federal [Adam Walsh Safety](#) (H.R.4472) requirements, all adults in homes where foster youth are placed must have background checks completed.

Once background check results are received; fingerprints, Family Care Safety Registry, Child Abuse and Neglect, and Case.net, they are to be entered in FACES for the applicant pursuing licensure or approval for foster youth placement.

Background checks are often completed for individuals who are not assigned a DVN nor will they become licensed or approved resource. DVN for the sole purpose of recording a fingerprint or other background check result should not be opened.

Background checks results received for individuals if not necessary to support an approval or denial of an application, are to be destroyed by shredding.

Background checks results for applicants who are not chosen as the resource placement for a child/ren are to be destroyed by shredding.

Circuit Managers are responsible for ensuring the background check results are entered in FACES immediately upon receipt.

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