

Interagency Background Screening Workgroup Update



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Workgroup Objectives

- To identify and outline a comprehensive approach for the criminal background screening for those who serve vulnerable populations.
- To make operational design recommendations for the process of criminal background screenings by the participating agencies.
- To identify efficiencies in background screening practices to minimize cost and duplication of effort.
- To develop recommendations for statutory changes related to background screenings for consideration by the Governor.

Workgroup Participants

- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Division of Blind Services
- Department of Elder Affairs
- Department of Health
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Approach to Work

- Full workgroup meetings
(Sept. 1, 2011; Sept. 22, 2011; and Oct. 7, 2011)
- Legislative subgroup meeting
(Sept. 30, 2011)
- Operational subgroup meeting
(Sept. 29, 2011)
- Public comments
(Sept. 22, 2011 and via email)

Key Issues

- 10 issues identified by the workgroup with one or more recommendations made for each.
- The issues are:
 1. Need for sharing criminal history information
 2. Timing of screenings
 3. FDLE contracting ability with live scan vendors
 4. Background screening fees
 5. Common offenses

Key Issues (cont'd)

- The issues are:
 6. Requirements for covered employees
 7. Clarifying exemption from disqualification
 8. Access to sealed and expunged records
 9. Changes to Ch. 430, F.S. (volunteer screenings)
 10. Background screening authority for DOE, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Division of Blind Services

Next Steps

- > Report was submitted to the Governor's Office on Oct. 14, 2011.
- > Work with the Governor's Office to develop legislation or provide more information, if requested.
- > Monitor and work with Legislators on any background screening legislation during session.
- > Continue the Operational Subgroup meetings.

Questions?



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