

Implementing the Expanded Background Checks of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006

What are the new laws?

- FEDERAL – The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248, Social Security Act Title IV-E)
- STATE – Senate Bill 703 (Ducheny) Chapter 583, Statutes of 2007

Who does this affect?

- Foster Family Agencies
- Foster Family Homes
- Certified Family Homes
- Counties authorized to License Foster Family Homes and Certified Family Homes
- Relative and Non-Related Extended Family Homes

How will the background check process change for prospective foster parents?

- A completed FBI criminal history check is required prior to licensure or certification.
- Any prospective foster parent or other adult in the home who has lived in another state in the past five years must have a completed out-of-state child abuse/neglect check prior to licensure, certification or approval.

Do currently licensed/certified/approved foster parents need to have the new checks?

No, the new requirements are for prospective foster parents applying for licensure, certification, or approval after January 1, 2008.

Will this delay the background check process?

Much will depend on the response time of other states and the FBI. Out-of-state contacts and forms have been developed and are available on the CDSS web site: <http://ccl.dss.cahwnet.gov> under "Adam Walsh Information and Forms."

When do the new requirements become effective?

Applications received after January 1, 2008 will be subject to the new requirements.

Who will answer questions about the process?

CDSS – CCLD – Caregiver Background Check Bureau	888/422-5669
CDSS – CCLD – County Liaisons	916/323-1691
CDSS – CFSD – County Relative Assessment/Approval	916/657-1858