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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about

Criminal Background Checks for Self-Determination Program and Family Home Agencies

What to know

If you are in the Self-Determination Program or live in a Family Home Agency home, the people who help you will have an easier way to get a criminal background check completed.

During the COVID-19 outbreak we want to make sure staff can be hired to help you quickly. We also want to make sure providers have enough trained staff to help others during this time.

What's changing

Normally, people who help you must have their fingerprints checked.

Because of COVID-19, there are not as many places open to check fingerprints. The people who help you will still need a criminal background check, but it can be done using their name instead of fingerprints.

Questions?

Please contact your local regional center. If they cannot help you, please email DDSC19@dds.ca.gov

Learn more

See the Department notice about Governor Gavin Newsom's declared State of Emergency due to the [COVID-19 outbreak](#).

Link to full text of the Department of Developmental Services correspondence: [Criminal Background Checks for Self-Determination Program and Family Home Agencies](#)