

Adam Walsh State Contacts

Child Abuse Registry Checks

Alabama

Form and instructions: [Alabama Department of Human Resources website](#)

Contact: Harold Brown

334-353-3477 or harold.brown@dhr.alabama.gov

Alaska

Form and instructions: [Office of Children's Services website](#)

Contact: Ken Saucier

907-269-4026 or kenneth.saucier@alaska.gov

Arizona

Form and instructions: [Arizona Department of Child Safety website](#)

Contact: Sally Gerardo

602-255-2842 or FHLAWA@azdcs.gov

Arkansas

Form and instructions: Not available online

Contact: Ron Tolson

501-682-0405 or Ron.Tolson@Arkansas.gov

California

Form and instructions: [California State Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General website](#)

Contact:

916-227-5052 or CACI-Inquiry@doj.ca.gov

Colorado

Form and instructions: [Colorado Office of Early Childhood website](#)

Contacts: Background investigation unit

800-799-5876

Connecticut

Form and instructions: [Connecticut Department of Children and Families](#)

Delaware

Form and instructions: [State of Delaware website \(must create an account\)](#)

Contact: Beth Kramer
800-292-9582

District of Columbia

Form and instructions: [Child and Family Services website](#)

Contact: Child Protection Register
202-727-8885 or cfsa@dc.gov

Florida

Form: not available online

Contact: 855-776-2729

Georgia

Form and instructions: [Georgia Department of Human Services website](#)

Contact: Georgia Adam Walsh team
georgiaadamwalshcheck@dhs.ga.gov

Guam

Form and instructions: not available online

Contact:
671-475-2653/2672 or Linda.rodriguez@dphss.guam.gov

Hawaii

Form and instructions: [Department of Human Services website](#)

Contacts:

Tonia Mahi
808-832-0609 or TMahi@dhs.hawaii.gov
Karlyn Kitamori
808-832-5052 or kkitamori@dhs.hawaii.gov

Idaho

Form and instructions: not available online

Contact: Fernando Castro
208-332-7990 or castrof@dhw.idaho.gov

Illinois

Form and instructions: [Illinois Department of Children and Family Services website](#) (search for “689 background check”)

Contact:

217-557-0758 or cfs689background@illinois.gov

Indiana

Form and instructions: [Indiana Department of Child Services website](#)

Contact:

Phone: 317-234-4410; fax: 317-234-4633; Background.CheckUnit@dcs.IN.gov

Iowa

Form and instructions: [Iowa Department of Human Services website](#) (search for form 470-0643)

Contact:

800-362-2178 or DHSAbuseRegistry@dhs.state.ia.us

Kansas

Form and instructions: [Department for Children and Families website](#)

Contact: Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry

DCF.CentralRegistry@ks.gov

Kentucky

Form and instructions: [Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services website](#)

Louisiana

Form and instructions: [Department of Children & Family Services website](#)

Contact: Anthony Ellis

225-342-6827 or DCFS.ChildProtectiveServices@LA.GOV

Maine

Form and instructions: not available online

Contact: Amber Casey

800-452-1999, ext. 2 or Amber.Casey@maine.gov

Maryland

Form and instructions: [Maryland Department of Human Resources](#)

Contact for technical assistance: nathaniel.madden@maryland.gov

Massachusetts

Form and instructions: [Massachusetts Department of Children and Families](#)

Contact: 857-338-3030

Michigan

Form and instructions: [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services website](#)

Contact: Ann LaHaine

517-284-9714 or Lahainea@michigan.gov

Minnesota

Form and instructions: [Minnesota Department of Human Services](#)

Contact: 651-431-6620

Mississippi

Form and instructions: [Mississippi Department of Human Services website](#)

Contact: Tinkea Jackson

601-359-4487 or mscentralregistry@mdcps.ms.gov

Missouri

Form and instructions: [Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services](#)

Contact: Family care safety registry

866-422-6872

Montana

Form and instructions: [State of Montana website](#) (search for form “DPHHS-CFS/LIC018”)

Contact: Child & Family Services Division

406-841-2400

Nebraska

Form and instructions: [Nebraska government website](#)

Contact: CPS Central Registry

402-471-9272 or Dhhs.CFSCentralRegistry@nebraska.gov

Nevada

Form and instructions: [Division of Child & Family Services website](#)

Contact: Bruce Cole

775-684-7941

New Hampshire

Form and instructions: [Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Contact: Leandra Platt or Elena Marcotte
603-271-4259; 603-271-8383

Non-residents: dhhs.dcyfcentralregi@dhhs.nh.gov

New Jersey

Form and instructions: [Department of Children and Families website](#)

Contact: Judith Williams
855-744-4913

New Mexico

Forms and contacts: [Children, Youth & Families Department website](#)

Contact: CYFD.PSCriminalReco@state.nm.us

New York

Form and instructions: [Office of Children and Family Services website](#)

Contact: Roberta Frederick
518-474-8740

North Carolina

Form and instructions: [Division of Social Services website](#)

Contact: NCDSS Regulatory & Licensing Office
828-232-3160

North Dakota

Form: [“Child Abuse and Neglect Background Inquiry” \(465 KB PDF\)](#)

Contact: Tara Reed
701-328-1846 or dhscfscbc@nd.gov

Ohio

Form and instructions: [Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#)

Contact: 614-752-1298 or OSAPSRequest@jfs.ohio.gov

Oklahoma

Form and instructions: [Oklahoma Department of Human Services](#)

Contact: Jimmy Arias
jimmy.arias@okdhs.org or 405-213-4532

Oregon

Form and instructions: not available online

Contact: Adam Walsh Coordinator

Adam-Walsh.Oregon@state.or.us

Pennsylvania

Form and instructions: [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services website](#)

Contact: Tracey Isom

800-932-0313 or tlsom@state.pa.us

Puerto Rico

Form and instructions: not available online

Contact: Lisa Agosto Carrasquillo or Melissa Viana-Salas

787-625-4900, ext. 1728 or ejrivera@adfan.pr.gov

Rhode Island

Form and instructions: not available online

Contact: Jan Mitchell

800-742-4453

South Carolina

Form: [South Carolina Department of Social Services website \(26 KB PDF\)](#)

Contact: Portia Hawkins

803-898-7884 or portia.Hawkins@dss.sc.gov

South Dakota

Form and instructions: [Department of Social Services website](#)

Contact: Nicole LeBeau

605-773-3227 or nicole.lebeau@state.sd.us

Tennessee

Form and instructions: [Department of Children's Services website](#)

Contact: Larry Phillips

615-532-9856

Texas

Form and instructions: [Texas Department of Family and Protective Services website](#) (search for form 2970)

Contact: Centralized Background Check Unit
800-645-7549 or TXAbuseNeglectBGC@dfps.texas.gov

Utah

Form and instructions: [Child Abuse Registry Request \(132 KB PDF\)](#)

Contact: dcfscentralregistry@utah.gov

Vermont

Form and instructions: [Department for Children and Families website](#)

Contact: Dianne Jabar
802-241-6474 or Dianne.jabar@state.vt.us

Virginia

Form and instructions: [Department of Social Services website](#)

Contact: Kristen Eckstein, Program Manager
crs_operations@dss.virginia.gov

Virgin Islands

Form and instructions: Email a request on letterhead and a consent consent of release form

Contact: vicanregistrycheck@dhs.vi.gov

Washington

Form and instructions: [Department of Children, Youth, and Families website](#)

Contact:
800-998-3898 (option 1) or CANhistorychecks@dcyf.wa.gov

West Virginia

Form and instructions: [West Virginia Bureau for Social Services provider forms](#), [Foster Adoption form](#), [Child Care form](#)

Contact:
Phone: 304-352-4429
Fax: 304-558-4563

Address:
West Virginia DHHR Bureau for Social Services
ATTN: APS/CPS Background Check Unit

350 Capitol Street, Room B-18
Charleston, WV 25301

Wisconsin

Form:

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Hmong](#)

Contact:

CWBckgrdRequests@wisconsin.gov

Wyoming

Form: [Department of Family Services](#)

Contacts:

Stephanie Ross: 307-777-5894 or sross@wyo.gov

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To update a state listing, please email updates@adoptuskids.org using the subject line “child abuse registry change.”

Obtaining International Records and Documents

The US Department of State maintains tables of “[Reciprocity and Civil Documents by Country](#).” These tables include country-specific information for how to obtain international police clearance and a wide range of other documents. In general, a table will indicate if a foreign resident of the country can obtain the required document, and if so, the procedure for accessing it. To find [information using these tables](#), choose a country from the drop-down menu. On the country webpage, use the menu on the left side of the screen to select the type of documents and records (e.g., “general documents”, “police, court, prison records”) you are seeking.

Additional Resources on Child Abuse Registries and Interjurisdictional Child Welfare Work

- Learn about [state disclosure laws](#) and state [procedures for maintaining child abuse records](#) at the Child Welfare Information Gateway website.

- Download our publications and watch archived webinars about [making interjurisdictional placements](#).
- Read about the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE), a cloud-based electronic system for exchanging the data and documents needed to place children across state lines, at the [Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children website](#).