



Oregon Department of Human
Services

Fast Facts

Using abuse and neglect information to screen employee, volunteer and provider applicants

Oregon Revised Statute 409.025 and 409.027 (formerly House Bill 2175 passed by the 2007 Oregon Legislature) authorizes the department to use abuse and neglect information to screen applicants for employee, volunteer or provider positions.

Background

DHS already uses criminal history information for screening applicants. ORS 409.025 and 409.027 authorizes DHS to:

- Adopt administrative rules and procedures for using abuse and neglect information to screen applicants for employee and volunteer positions; and
- Convene a committee to develop recommendations for an abuse registry and screening process for DHS providers and persons licensed, certified, registered or otherwise regulated by DHS to provide care; and
- Prepare a report for the next legislative session

What DHS is doing

- A Steering Committee of DHS representatives has been assembled.
- Nine public information sessions were held in June/July to provide and gather information. Approximately 300 persons attended and another 75 completed informational surveys. Key issues identified were: what would be the criteria/selection process for the registry and concerns about due process.
- Stakeholder work groups have been held to consider the key areas and make recommendations.
- Stakeholder input is being gathered on the proposed screening process.

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