

Early Learning Division Office of Child Care



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING CERTAIN FOUNDED OR SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE DISPOSITIONS:

BEFORE PROVIDING CARE FOR CHILDREN IN CERTAIN SETTINGS, YOU <u>MUST</u> BE ENROLLED IN THE CENTRAL BACKGROUND REGISTRY

If you received a founded or substantiated disposition for child abuse that occurred on or after <u>September 1, 2019</u> and <u>involved a child for whom you were either providing child care as</u> defined in ORS 329A.250(4)¹, or care identified in ORS 329A.250(4)(a)², (c)³, (f)⁴, (g)⁵, (h)⁶ or (i)⁷

or

If you received a founded or substantiated disposition for child abuse that occurred on or after January 1, 2017, and involved a child who died or suffered serious physical injury, as defined in ORS 161.015,⁸

then

You must apply to and be enrolled in the Central Background Registry before providing:

- care in the home of the child;
- care for children from only one family other than your own family; or
- care for no more than three children other than your own children.⁹

The Central Background Registry enrollment requirement is effective for seven years after the date of the abuse determination for individuals with founded or substantiated dispositions for

¹ "Subject to ORS 329A.440, 'Child care' means the care, supervision and guidance on a regular basis of a child, unaccompanied by a parent, guardian or custodian, provided to a child during a part of the 24 hours of the day, in a place other than the child's home, with or without compensation." ORS 329A.250(4). Child Care does not include the conduct listed in ORS 329A.250(4)(a) to (i). ² "In the home of the child;" ORS 329A.250(4)(a).

³ "By a person related to the child by blood or marriage within the fourth degree as determined by civil law;" ORS 329A.250(4)(c). ⁴ "By a babysitter;" ORS 329A.250(4)(f). Babysitter means "a person who goes into the home of a child to give care during the temporary absence of the parent or legal guardian or custodian." ORS 329A.250(1).

⁵ "By a person who cares for children from only one family other than the person's own family;" ORS 329A.250(4)(g).

⁶ "By a person who cares for no more than three children other than the person's own children;" ORS 329A.250(4)(h).

⁷ "By a person who is a member of the child's extended family, as determined by the [Office of Child Care] on a base-by-case basis." ORS 329A.250(4)(i).

⁸ Serious physical injury "means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ." ORS 161.015(8).

⁹ ORS 329A.030(2)(b).

child abuse after September 1, 2019, unless the abuse disposition involved a child who suffered death or serious physical injury, as defined in ORS 161.015.

The law does not establish a time limit for the Central Background Registry enrollment requirement for individuals with founded or substantiated dispositions for child abuse that occurred on or after January 1, 2017 and involved a child who died or suffered serious physical injury.

How to Apply to the Central Background Registry

To apply for enrollment in the Central Background Registry, you must complete the CBR-601-A application. Access this application in print format by visiting https://oregonearlylearning.com/providers-educators/providers-educators/.

If you have any questions regarding enrollment in the Central Background Registry, please call the Office of Child Care at 503-947-1400 or 1-800-556-6616 and ask to speak to a staff member from the background unit.

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