

Background checks

Adult and child foster homes

What's Changing?

Beginning January 2026, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) will take overall initial and recheck background checks for subject individuals.

Why the Change?

This centralized approach aims to improve consistency and efficiency across the system.

Important!

ODDS will submit all initial and renewal background checks for everyone who needs one in your foster home (called "subject individuals").

New Providers:

- All new AFH and CFH providers will be required to become a Quality Entity Designee (QED).
- As a QED, you will be responsible for starting and submitting background checks for everyone in your foster home.

Current Providers:

- All current providers will become Qualified Entity Initiator (QEI) in December.
- You will be responsible for initiating background checks for everyone in your foster home.
- By 2028, all providers will transition to be a QED.

