

## **Policy: Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Caregivers Background Checks**

### **Policy No.:**

### **Purpose of the policy:**

To provide legal requirements and agency standards related to caregivers serving children;

### **Statement of policy:**

SCCS shall conduct background checks on all adults in a prospective Foster, Adoptive or Kinship home. Prior to becoming an approved caregiver home, SCCS shall conduct a criminal background check on all adults living in the home. SCCS shall conduct a review of state and federal child abuse and neglect registries, as well as sex offender registries, as applicable by law.

A police check will be completed annually prior to mid-certification and/or recertification after the initial check for foster and adoptive caregivers who maintain their licensure or for kinship caregivers who are caring for children placed in the custody of SCCS.

Background information is used for the sole purpose of ensuring that caregivers comply with all laws and Agency standards involving services to children. Background information may never be used to discriminate, nor may it be used to violate any laws or Agency policies that prohibit discrimination.

### **Related laws and standards:**

Ohio Revised Code (ORC):	2151.86
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):	5101:2-7-02; 5101:2-48-09, 10; 4101:2-42-90; 5101:2-5-13
United States Code (USC):	42 USCS § 5119a; 42 USC § 671
Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):	not applicable

### **Who is affected by the policy?**

Foster, Adoptive and Kinship caregivers

### **Approval action/date and effective date:**

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**Replaces/amends prior policy effective (if applicable):**

**Replaces/Amends prior policy dated:**

**Key words:**

Background Check, Prohibition, Screening

**Associated procedures (if applicable):**

**Also documented in:**

Kinship Caregivers' Procedures Manual; Foster Care Manual