



The Florida Department of Children and Families is one of seven state agencies that will join the new statewide screening database, "The Clearinghouse." The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to provide a single data source for background screening results for persons screened for employment or licensure that provide services to children, the elderly and disabled individuals.

- **The Clearinghouse will allow the results of criminal history checks to be shared among specific agencies when a person has applied to volunteer, be employed, be licensed (including foster parents), or enter into a contract that requires a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history check.**
- **The Clearinghouse will provide numerous benefits to providers, including reduced costs and more up to date information.**
- **The Clearinghouse will allow the results of criminal history checks to be shared among specified state agencies, thereby reducing duplicative screenings for individuals requiring screening across multiple state agencies.**

<http://dcf.state.fl.us/programs/backgroundscreening/clearinghouse/>