

## ATTACHMENT P

### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT FOR GRANTEES & CONTRACTORS PROVIDING SERVICES TO DWS CUSTOMERS, MINORS, OR VULNERABLE ADULTS

- A. This policy does not apply to Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Grantees or Sub-Grantees (collectively referred to herein as "Contractor") who are required by law or by another governmental entity to obtain background checks (e.g. Child Care Licensing, State Universities) for employees or volunteers. In such cases, Contractor shall provide DWS with the following:
1. The background check policy, which must include:
    - a) type of required background check,
    - b) who is required to be checked,
    - c) frequency, and
    - d) criteria used to determine pass or fail background check.
  2. Proof of compliance with such law(s), regulation(s) or requirements.
  3. Immediate notification if an employee's or volunteer's record shows criminal history.
- B. Contractor must obtain an **annual** background check for one or both of the following:
1. Any employee or volunteer who has access to DWS customer confidential information must obtain a **Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI)** check.
  2. Any employee or volunteer who provides direct services to or, as a part of his or her duties for Contractor, has direct access to a minor or vulnerable adult must obtain a **fingerprint-based national criminal history record check from the FBI**.
    - a) For a Contractor using Next Generation FBI fingerprint check or rap-back, a background check is only required once for an employee or volunteer, for as long as Contractor is receiving notification.
- C. Contractor must obtain background checks according to Contractor's qualifications per Utah statute.
1. Contractor must be or become certified as a Qualified Entity by the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification if the Contractor meets the requirements to request Utah criminal history information under Title 53, Public Safety Code, Chapter 10, Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Act, and the National Child Protection Act (Public Law 105-251, 42 USC 5119a) (working with children or vulnerable adults or fiduciary funds, national security, or under other statutory authority).
  2. If Contractor does not meet the statutory requirements referenced in section C. 1., then Contractor shall require an employee or volunteer covered by Paragraph B. to contact the BCI and follow the BCI procedures to obtain his or her own Utah and national fingerprint-based national criminal history record checks.
    - a) BCI information can be found at <https://bci.utah.gov/criminal-records/criminal-records-forms/>.
    - b) FBI information can be found at [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov) under the services section.

- D. Contractor must immediately notify DWS if an employee's or volunteer's record shows criminal history.
- E. DWS may restrict or prohibit an individual from accessing confidential information, providing direct customer service, or having direct access to a minor or vulnerable adult until a valid criminal background check is completed, or in the event the background check indicates:
  - 1. Convictions or a plea in abeyance involving such offenses as theft, illegal drug use or trafficking, fraud, sexual offenses, lewdness, domestic violence, assault, battery, identity theft, any felony, any class A misdemeanor, or any other conduct or action that may, in the judgment of DWS, create a risk of harm to a DWS customer, minor, or vulnerable adult or suggests the individual is at risk for compromising confidential information.
- F. It is Contractor's responsibility to prevent an individual from accessing confidential information, providing direct services, or having direct access to minors or vulnerable adults by an employee or volunteer that DWS has determined should not have access under Paragraph E, or to an individual whose criminal history record shows a conviction for any of the following offenses, unless expressly authorized by DWS:
  - 1. Any matters involving a sexual offense.
  - 2. Any matters involving a felony or class "A" misdemeanor drug offense.
  - 3. Any matters involving a "crime against the person" under Title 76, Utah Criminal Code, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person.
  - 4. Any matters involving a financial crime, including but not limited to identity theft, fraud, larceny, theft, and embezzlement.
- G. For each individual subject to this policy, Contractor shall keep the annual and verifiable background check on file. Verification that a background check has been performed must be made available to DWS upon request.
- H. Contractor shall be responsible for all fees associated with the background check unless otherwise assigned to the employee or volunteer by Contractor, or otherwise provided for by DWS herein.
- I. DWS may terminate this Agreement in the event Contractor fails to complete and maintain a record of background checks for employees or volunteers in a manner consistent with this policy.
- J. A guest is not required to complete a background check. Contractor shall not provide guests access to confidential information.
- K. Definitions
  - 1. "Confidential information" includes but is not limited to: personal identifying information, medical records, clinical records, counseling records, financial records, and case information.
  - 2. "Direct service" means providing services to minor or vulnerable adult when the services are rendered in the physical presence of the minor or vulnerable adult. Services include, but are not limited to: providing individual services such as counseling, mentoring, job coaching, training, job search activities, testing or providing mental health and medical services to DWS customers. See Title 62A, Utah Human Services Code, Chapter 5, Services for People with Disabilities.
  - 3. "Direct access" means an employee or volunteer has, or likely will have, contact with or access to a minor or vulnerable adult that provides the individual with an opportunity for personal communication or touch. See Title 62A, Utah Human Services Code, Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities.
  - 4. "DWS Customer" is a person served with funding provided by DWS.

5. "Guest" is a person who is in the program temporarily and will not be allowed unsupervised, direct access to a vulnerable adult or minor.
6. "Minor" means any person under the age of 18.
7. "Vulnerable adult" means an elder adult, or an adult 18 years of age or older who has a mental or physical impairment including mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability, chronic use of drugs, chronic intoxication, short-term memory loss, or other cause which substantially affects that person's ability to:
  - a) provide personal protection;
  - b) provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or medical or other health care;
  - c) obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;
  - d) carry out the activities of daily living;
  - e) manage the adult's own resources; or
  - f) comprehend the nature and consequences of remaining in a situation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. See Title 76, Utah Criminal Code, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person.