

Criminal Background Check Requirements

NAFCC currently requires family child care providers and co-providers seeking accreditation to obtain and submit to NAFCC a state criminal background check for the state they live in and an FBI fingerprint background check, completed every 3 years or less.

They must also submit these checks for assistants, substitutes, and adults over age 18 years living in the family child care home.

The intent is to ensure anyone having contact with children be screened for a prior history of criminal acts which could leave children enrolled in the family child care home at risk.

If the regulatory agency completes a state and an FBI fingerprint criminal background check every three years or less for the provider, co-provider, assistants, substitutes, and adults over age 18 years living in the family child care home, a copy of the current family child care license verified by NAFCC to be in good standing, satisfies the criminal background check requirement.

If the regulatory agency does not complete one or more of these background checks within the 3 year timeframe (or if it is “unknown”), it is the provider’s responsibility to obtain them and submit them to NAFCC.

Use the chart below to determine what checks you will need to submit additional documentation for, meaning your regulatory agency does not complete them **every 3 years or less** for the provider/co-provider, assistants and substitutes, and adults in the home. If you feel this chart needs to be updated, please let us know at accreditation@nafcc.org



State	Provider (You Will Need to Submit)	Assistants and Substitutes (You Will Need to Submit)	Adults in Home (You Will Need to Submit)
Armed Forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy)	License Only	License Only	License Only
Alabama	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Alaska	License Only	License Only	License Only
Arizona	License Only	License Only	License Only
Arkansas	FBI	FBI	FBI
California	License Only	License Only	License Only
Colorado	FBI	FBI	FBI
Connecticut	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Delaware	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
District of Columbia	License Only	License Only	License Only
Florida	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Georgia	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Hawaii	FBI	FBI	FBI
Idaho (for programs of seven children or more)	License Only	License Only	License Only
Illinois	FBI	FBI	FBI
Indiana	License Only	License Only	License Only
Iowa	FBI	FBI	FBI

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Kansas	FBI	FBI	FBI
Kentucky	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Louisiana (for programs of seven or more)	License Only	State & FBI	State & FBI
Maine	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Maryland	License Only	License Only	License Only
Massachusetts	License Only	License Only	License Only
Michigan	License Only	License Only	License Only
Minnesota	FBI	FBI	FBI
Mississippi	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Missouri	FBI	FBI	FBI
Montana	FBI	FBI	FBI
Nebraska	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Nevada	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
New Hampshire	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
New Jersey	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
New Mexico	License Only	License Only	License Only
New York	FBI	FBI	FBI
North Carolina	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
North Dakota	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Ohio	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Oklahoma	License Only	License Only	License Only
Oregon	FBI	FBI	FBI
Pennsylvania	FBI	FBI	FBI
Puerto Rico	FBI	FBI	FBI
Rhode Island	FBI	FBI	FBI
South Carolina	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
South Dakota	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Tennessee	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Texas	FBI	FBI	FBI
Utah	License Only	License Only	License Only
Vermont	FBI	FBI	FBI
Virginia	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI
Washington	License Only	License Only	License Only
West Virginia	FBI	FBI	FBI
Wisconsin	FBI	FBI	FBI
Wyoming	State & FBI	State & FBI	State & FBI