

**National Background Check Program
State of Maine**

Program Abstract

The Maine Background Check project will provide several major improvements over the current system including rap back functionality. Software development and enhancements will create a one-stop shopping web site where prospective employers will be able to obtain information from pertinent registries in order to conduct a preliminary determination of an applicant's eligibility prior to requesting fingerprinting or drug testing. Additionally, the rap back function will provide timely information to employers regarding disqualifying criminal activity post-employment.

This project will be designed to employ efficient, effective and economical procedures for long term care providers to conduct background checks on prospective direct patient access employees. The employee screening process will help protect vulnerable long term care patients from abuse, neglect and misappropriation of property.