

National Background Check Program
State of New Mexico
Department of Health

Program Abstract

The purpose of this proposal is to establish efficient, effective, and economical procedures for conducting state and nationwide background checks. This would include the development of “rap back” capability, and enhanced communication and providing tools to improve provider compliance.

The overall project goals are to:

- 1) Improve provider compliance with the requirements of the New Mexico Caregivers Criminal History Screening Act by enhancing the current screening process by utilizing faster more efficient technology;
- 2) Improving the quality of application submissions by eliminating the submission of paper applications and reducing the number of fingerprint rejections, resubmissions and clearances by affidavit;
- 3) Improve the Caregivers Criminal History Screening Program by (a) upgrading software and hardware to improve processing time to clear or disqualify applicants; (b) Develop and implement the rap-back capabilities.

Description of the proposed project:

The proposed project entails the following approach for developing and implementing the following major components: (1) provide training and technical assistance for application submissions and fingerprinting; (2) create an application that will store and track data received from live scan; (3) Enhance the current Consolidated Online Registry (COR) to allow a greater search capability; (4) enhance methods for the monitoring of provider compliance as required by the Caregivers Criminal History Screening Act; (5) obtain necessary software and hardware upgrades; and (6) collaborating with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety (DPS) in order to develop and implement the rap-back capabilities.