

National Background Check Program
State of Oklahoma
Department of Health

Program Abstract

The Oklahoma Long Term Care National Background Check Program will create a centralized website/database where prospective employers will find data from pertinent registries allowing them to do a preliminary determination of an applicant's eligibility prior to requesting fingerprinting. Subsequently, prospective employers may electronically monitor and receive updates on the applicant's background check status and notifications of arrests via a rap-back system. The system will include the establishment of a distributed network of digital fingerprint stations via a vendor capable of electronically submitting digital fingerprint scans directly to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) with the results of the background check electronically distributed back to the prospective employer through the Department website.

The goals of the program include the following:

- Creation of a working group coordinated across responsible state agencies to include providers, consumers, and advocates;
- Legislation that enables prospective employers to perform and monitor background checks on all staff that will have direct access to people in long term care facilities;
- Build and implement a system for digital processing of background checks;
- Electronic fingerprint capture and transmission;
- Rap back capability and,
- Evaluation of the system.

The Department will use grant funds for the following:

- Meetings of stakeholders for the purposes of building consensus for necessary legislative amendments, long-term funding structures, and system design; and identifying legislative support;
- Contracting with a vendor for the software and system design, implementation, and equipment, in support of a web based, fingerprint reliant background check system;
- Contracting with a Live Scan vendor for the collection and distribution of digital fingerprints;
- Agency staffing for grant and program administration; and agency information technology support with software/system vendor;
- BC costs; and,
- Provider training in system use.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health's application for the Oklahoma Long Term Care National Background Check Program requests federal funds for the period of October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2012. State matching funds at 25% of the budgeted program costs have been identified.