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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

SUBTITLE 6

BENEFIT, EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

CHAPTER 801

BACKGROUND CHECKS

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Historical Note: This chapter is based substantially upon sections of these chapters 17-891.1, 17-892.1, 17-895, and 17-896, Hawaii Administrative Rules. [Eff 6/18/87; am and comp 12/10/88; am and comp 12/19/02; am 2/24/17]
§17-801-1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish the rules governing the administration and implementation of the child care block grant authorized under 42 U.S.C. §9858 and 42 U.S.C. §618 regarding requirements for background checks for the department's child care programs. [Eff ]
(Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-14, 45 C.F.R. §98.1)

§17-801-2 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter:
"Adult abuse perpetrator check" means a search to determine whether an individual is known to the department as a perpetrator of abuse as defined in section 346-222, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by means of a search of the individual's name and birth date in the department's adult protective services file.
"Applicant" means the person who applied for licensure of a group child care center, group child care home, or registration of their family child care home, and for group homes and family homes includes this person's spouse.
"Background checks" means a criminal history record check which includes a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint check, the state criminal record registry or database check, state sex offender registry check and national sex offender public website check, state child abuse and neglect registry check, adult abuse perpetrator registry check, employment history check, and other information obtained by the department regarding the person’s ability or suitability to provide child care.
"Caregiver" means any individual who is responsible for the physical well-being, health, safety, supervision, and guidance of children in a child care facility or exempt child care facility.
"Child" means any person who has not reached the age of eighteen years.
"Child care" means those situations in which a person, child care provider, child care facility, or exempt child care facility has agreed to assume the responsibility for the child's supervision, apart from and in the absence of the parent, guardian, or caretaker for any part of a twenty-four-hour day. Child care may be provided out of the child's home in out-of-home relative care, in the child's home by relatives or non-relatives, in a child care facility or an exempt child care facility.

"Child care center" or "group child care center" means a place maintained by any individual, organization, or agency for the purpose of providing child care. The term child care center shall include child care nurseries, nursery school groups, preschools, child play groups, parent cooperatives, drop-in child care centers, group child care homes, or other similar units operating under any name.

"Child care facility" means a place maintained by any individual, organization, or agency for the purpose of providing care for children with or without charging a fee at any time. It includes a family child care home, group child care home, and group child care center.

"Department" means the department of human services or its designee.

"Exempt care" means child care which is exempt from licensure or registration by the department under HRS §346-152.

"Exempt child care facility" means a place that child care is conducted which is legally-exempt in accordance with section 346-152, HRS, and includes exempt center-based providers pursuant to chapter 17-800.

"Family child care home," "family child care," or "FCC" means any private residence at which care may be provided for six or fewer children at any given time, as defined in section 346-151, HRS.

"Group child care center" means a facility, other than a private home, at which care is provided, as defined in HRS §346-151. The term may include
nurseries; infant and toddler centers for children ages six weeks to thirty-six months, preschools; parent cooperatives; drop-in child care centers; before-school and after-school programs; holiday, intersession and summer care for eligible school age children; or other similar care settings that are established to provide group care to a child for any part of a twenty-four-hour day and is license-exempt or licensed by the department.

"Group Child Care Home or "GCH" means child care provided by an individual in a facility that may be an extended or modified family child care home which provides care to no more than twelve children during any part of a twenty-four-hour day. GCHs are licensed under the rules for group child care centers.

"License" means a certificate of approval issued by the department authorizing the operation of a group child care center or group child care home.

"New hire" means an applicant or prospective employee of a child care facility or exempt child care facility who is seeking to operate or be employed in a child care facility or exempt child care facility for the first time in the state of Hawaii.

"Person" means any individual with unsupervised access to children in care, caregiver, adult household member, applicant, provider, substitute, volunteer, new hire, rehire, temporary hire, or staff member in a child care facility or exempt child care facility.

"Provider" means an individual 18 years or older, caregiver, child care facility, exempt child care facility, agency, or organization, exempt care providers, and staff members, who provide child care to children in the absence of the child’s caretaker.

"Registration" means a certificate of approval issued by the department authorizing the operation of a family child care home.

"Rehire" means an applicant or prospective employee of a child care facility or exempt child care facility who is seeking to operate or be employed in a child care facility or exempt child care facility following separation from employment of one hundred
eighty consecutive days or more and who has been out of state during this break in employment.

"Rules" means the rules developed by the department of human services to set minimum standards of care and safety for the protection of children in child care.

"Staff member" means administrative, child care, office, maintenance, employees, and volunteers of a child care facility or exempt child care facility.

"Substitute" means a person who serves as a replacement caregiver for no more than ten consecutive working days in the same position when another caregiver is absent on an emergency or unplanned basis.

"Supervision" means to be within sight or hearing distance of the children to ensure the safety and protection of the children.

"Temporary hire" means a person who serves as a replacement when another caregiver is absent on a planned basis.

"Volunteer" means a person working or offering services to a child care facility or exempt child care facility without remuneration, except for reimbursable personal expenses allowed by the caregivers. [Eff AUG 06 2021] (Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-151)

§17-801-3 Confidentiality. Requirements for confidentiality shall be as provided in chapter 17-601. [Eff AUG 06 2021] (Auth: HRS §§346-10 and 346-14; 45 C.F.R. §205.50) (Imp: HRS §346-10; 45 C.F.R. §§205.50, 1391.3)

§17-801-4 Background checks. (a) Background checks conducted by the department shall include:

(1) A criminal history record check, including:

(A) A Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint check; and
(B) A state criminal record registry or database check with the use of fingerprints in the state where the person resides;

(2) Search of the state sex offender registry and national sex offender registries;

(3) A state child abuse and neglect registry check;

(4) An adult abuse perpetrator registry check;

(5) An employment history check; and

(6) Any other information obtained by the department regarding the person's ability or suitability to provide child care.

(b) All persons in a licensed or registered child care facility, or exempt child care facility shall be subject to background checks.

(c) A person subject to background checks shall provide consent to the department to conduct the background checks, prior to operating, working on-site at, or within five working days of living in a child care facility or exempt child care facility, and annually thereafter no later than the anniversary date of the most recent consent to conduct background checks. The consent shall be given upon forms supplied by the department.

(d) A person subject to background checks shall submit to the department a signed disclosure statement, under penalty of law, that indicates the person's background history that may affect the person's ability and suitability, under this chapter.


§17-801-5 Suitability. (a) Results of the background checks shall be reviewed as part of the department's determination of whether a person is suitable as defined in subsection (d) to provide child care.
(b) Each person subject to background checks shall be determined to be suitable by the department to operate, be employed, work in, volunteer in, or live in a child care facility or exempt child care facility, except when a person may be provisionally cleared to work:

(1) A person may start working on a provisional basis when the requirements in section 17-801-4(a)(1) are completed and the department does not receive results or other information that the person may pose a risk to children in care or is not suitable to provide care; and

(2) A person who has been provisionally cleared pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be continuously supervised by another person who has been determined suitable to provide care based upon the results of the background checks described in section 17-801-4(a); provided that paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to applicants, registrants, or licensees of family child care homes or group child care homes or their household members.

(c) An applicant, caregiver, staff member, employee, rehired employee, substitute, or volunteer who has stopped providing care, stopped residing in a child care home, or left the State for a period of one hundred eighty consecutive days or more, is required to complete background checks again in accordance with section 17-801-4(a), and may be allowed to meet the conditions in subsection (b).

(d) A person is not suitable to provide child care for children if the person:

(1) Refuses to provide consent to the background checks;

(2) Makes a materially false statement or omission in disclosing any prior background history that may affect the person’s ability and suitability;

(3) Is registered or is required to be registered, on a state sex offender registry
or repository or the national sex offender registry;

(4) Is identified on another state's registry or database as the perpetrator of child abuse, neglect, harm, or threatened harm;

(5) Within a five-year period starting from the date that the child abuse case record was closed, the person has been confirmed by the department as the perpetrator of threatened harm as defined in section 587A-4, HRS. In situations when a finding of threatened harm occurred more than five years from the date that the child abuse case record was closed, a person's suitability shall be based on paragraph (8);

(6) Is confirmed at any time as the perpetrator of harm against a child as defined in section 587A-4, HRS;

(7) Is confirmed at any time as the perpetrator of abuse of a vulnerable adult as defined in section 346-222, HRS; or

(8) Is found by the department, for any other reason that has not been identified in this chapter, to not be of reputable and responsible character or may pose a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of the children in care. Factors that shall be considered by the department include but are not limited to:

(A) The nature of the incident;

(B) When the incident occurred;

(C) Patterns of behavior the department determines resulted in or could have resulted in injury to self or others;

(D) Any other relevant information received and deemed credible by the department; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation.

(e) In instances where a person is the subject of an on-going or pending criminal, child welfare, or department investigation, the person shall be excluded from the premises and the department's determination
of whether the person is suitable as defined in subsection (d) cannot be completed until the investigation is closed or any related legal proceeding is completed.

(f) A person shall not provide licensed or registered child care, or exempt child care for a child whose family receives a subsidy from the department pursuant to chapters 17-798.3 and 17-799, if the person has been convicted of an offense listed in Exhibit I, dated January 1, 2020, attached at the end of this chapter.

(g) A person shall not provide licensed or registered child care, or exempt child care for a child whose family receives a subsidy from the department pursuant to chapters 17-798.3 and 17-799, if the person has been convicted within the past five years of the time of the background check of an offense listed in Exhibit II, dated January 1, 2020, attached to the end of this chapter.

(h) The person may file a written request for an administrative appeal to appeal the decision by the department:

(1) In accordance with the provisions set forth in chapters 17-891.2, 17-892.2, 17-895.1, 17-896.1, for applicants, licensees, or registrants; or

(2) In accordance with the provisions set forth in chapter 17-602.1, for all other persons not specified in paragraph (1); provided that the filing of a request for an administrative appeal does not permit the person to continue to provide child care for children under this chapter, pending the decision of the administrative appeal hearing officer. [Eff Aug 06 2021] (Auth: HRS §346-14, 346-162, 346-172) (Imp: HRS §346-151, 346-152.5, 346-154)

§17-801-6 Notification to the person, child care facility, and exempt child care facility. (a) The department shall provide written notice to a person
determined by the department to be not suitable under paragraph 8 or excluded from the premises pursuant to paragraph 8(e). The written notification shall state the reason for the department's determination.

(b) The department shall request in writing that a provider terminate employment or residence of any person not suitable pursuant to this chapter.

(1) The request shall be in writing and shall state the reason for the department's determination that the person is not suitable to provide child care;

(2) When an applicant, registrant, licensee, or provider does not terminate employment or residence as requested by the department, the applicant, registrant, licensee, or provider shall notify the department in writing no later than seven working days after receipt of the request and shall state the reasons for the decision; and

(3) A license, registration, application, or listing may be denied, suspended, or revoked if the person's employment or residence is not terminated.

(c) In instances described in section 17-801-5(e), the department shall request in writing that a provider exclude the person from the premises until the department has completed a determination whether the person is suitable to provide care pursuant to this chapter.

(1) The request shall be in writing and shall state the reason for the person's exclusion from the premises;

(2) When an applicant, registrant, licensee, or provider does not exclude the person from the premises as requested by the department, the applicant, registrant, licensee, or provider shall notify the department in writing within seven working days after receipt of the request and shall state the reasons for the decision; and
(3) A license, registration, application, or listing may be denied, suspended, or revoked if the person is not excluded from the premises.

(d) A person who is determined not suitable to provide care under this chapter may contest the results of background checks as follows:

(1) The person requests an informal review by the department for the limited purpose of contesting the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in the person's records that formed the basis for the decision:

(A) The person shall provide a written statement to the department specifying the information and the reason why the person believes the background check information is inaccurate or incomplete;

(B) The department shall attempt to verify the accuracy of the information challenged by the person, including making an effort to locate any missing disposition information related to the disqualifying record:

(i) If the department locates any missing or corrected information, the department shall review the new or corrected information and issue a written notice to the person with the suitability determination by the department; or

(ii) If the department cannot locate any missing or corrected information, the department shall issue a written notice that indicates the department's efforts to verify the accuracy of the information challenged, and refer the person to the agency or
program that produced or maintains the record the person believes to be inaccurate or incomplete, so that the person can have the record corrected or completed; and

(C) After the person has successfully had the records corrected or completed by the agency or program that produced or maintains the record, the person may request for another background check to be completed by the department in accordance with this chapter.

(2) The person shall have the right to obtain a copy of the person's criminal history records that were obtained through a fingerprint-based check under this section, according to Title 28 CFR Part 16, and for other records, the department, upon request, shall provide information to the person on how to obtain further information of the person's reports.

(3) The person may file a written request for an administrative appeal to appeal the decision by the department:
(A) In accordance with the provisions set forth in chapters 17-891.2, 17-892.2, 17-895.1, 17-896.1, for applicants, licensees, or registrants; or
(B) In accordance with the provisions set forth in chapter 17-602.1, for all other persons not specified in subparagraph (A);

provided that the filing of a request for an administrative appeal does not permit the person to continue to provide child care for children under this chapter, pending the decision of the administrative appeal hearing officer." [Eff Aug 06 2021]

Prohibiting Convicted Offenses – Indefinite Prohibition

Hawaii Revised Statutes sections listed below and any criminal offense against a child involving violence, even those not listed in this Exhibit I or Exhibit II.

707-701 Murder in the first degree
707-701.5 Murder in the second degree
707-702 Manslaughter
707-702.5 Negligent homicide in the first degree
707-703 Negligent homicide in the second degree
707-705 Negligent injury in the first degree
707-710 Assault in the first degree
707-711 Assault in the second degree
707-712 Assault in the third degree, when the victim is a minor
707-712.5 Assault against a law enforcement officer in the first degree
707-712.7 Assault against an emergency worker
707-713 Reckless endangering in the first degree
707-714 Reckless endangering in the second degree
707-714.5 Criminally negligent storage of a firearm
707-716 Terroristic threatening in the first
707-720 Kidnapping
707-721 Unlawful imprisonment in the first degree

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EXHIBIT I
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707-726 Custodial interference in the first degree
707-727 Custodial interference in the second degree-felony
707-730 Sexual assault in the first degree
707-731 Sexual assault in the second degree
707-732 Sexual assault in the third degree
707-733 Sexual assault in the fourth degree
707-733.6 Continuous sexual assault of a minor under the age of fourteen years
707-741 Incest
707-750 Promoting child abuse in the first degree
707-751 Promoting child abuse in the second degree
707-752 Promoting child abuse in the third degree
707-756 Electronic enticement of a child in the first degree
707-757 Electronic enticement of a child in the second degree
707-759 Indecent electronic display to a child
707-765 Extortion in the first degree
707-766 Extortion in the second degree
707-768 Firearms, explosives, and dangerous weapons
707-781 Labor trafficking in the first degree
707-782 Labor trafficking in the second degree
707-786 Nonpayment of wages
Prohibiting Convicted Offenses – Indefinite Prohibition (cont’d)

707-787 Unlawful conduct with respect to documents
708-810 Burglary in the first degree
708-812.55 Unauthorized entry in a dwelling in the first degree
708-812.6 Unauthorized entry in a dwelling in the second degree
708-816.5 Entry upon the premises of a facility utilized as a sex, child, or spouse abuse shelter; penalty
708-820 Criminal property damage in the first degree
708-821 Criminal property damage in the second degree
708-839.6 Identity theft in the first degree
708-840 Robbery in the first degree
708-841 Robbery in the second degree
708-842 Robbery; "in the course of committing a theft"
708-893 Use of a computer in the commission of a separate crime
708-8251 Arson in the first degree
708-8252 Arson in the second degree
708-8253 Arson in the third degree
709-902 Abandonment of a child
709-903.5 Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree
709-904 Endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree
709-904.5 Compensation by an adult of juveniles for crimes
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709-906 Abuse of family or household members, if the conviction is a felony or when the victim is a minor

711-1106.4 Aggravated harassment by stalking

711-1110.9 Violation of privacy in the first degree

711-1111 Violation of privacy in the second degree

712-1202 Sex trafficking

712-1203 Promoting prostitution

712-1209.1 Solicitation of a minor for prostitution

712-1215 Promoting pornography for minors

712-1215.5 Promoting minor-produced sexual images in the first degree

712-1218 Failure to maintain age verification records of sexual performers

712-1218.5 Failure to maintain age verification records of sexually exploited individuals

712-1219 Failure to affix information disclosing location of age verification records of sexual performers

712-1219.5 Disseminating visual depiction of sexual conduct without affixed information disclosing location of age verification records of sexual performers

712-1240.5 Manufacturing a controlled substance with a child present

712-1249.7 Promoting a controlled substance through a minor
Prohibiting Convicted Offenses – Five Year Prohibition

Hawaii Revised Statute sections:

707-714 Reckless endangering in the second degree
707-717 Terroristic threatening in the second degree
707-722 Unlawful imprisonment in the second degree
707-734 Indecent exposure
708-803 Habitual property crime
708-811 Burglary in the second
708-813(b) Criminal trespass in the first degree, when in possession of a fire arm
708-817 Burglary of a dwelling during an emergency period
708-818 Burglary of a building during an emergency period
708-822 Criminal property damage in the third degree
708-830.5 Theft in the first degree
708-831 Theft in the second degree
708-835.5 Theft of livestock
708-835.6 Telemarketing fraud
708-835.7 Theft of copper
708-835.9 Theft of urn
708-836 Unauthorized control of propelled vehicle
Prohibiting Convicted Offenses – Five Year Prohibition (cont’d)

708-836.5 Unauthorized entry into motor vehicle in the first degree
708-839.5 Unauthorized possession of confidential personal information
708-839.7 Identity theft in the second degree
708-839.8 Identity theft in the third degree
708-851 Forgery in the first degree
708-852 Forgery in the second degree
708-854 Criminal possession of a forgery device
708-858 Suppressing a testamentary or recordable instrument
708-871.5 False labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee
708-875 Trademark counterfeiting
708-891 Computer fraud in the first degree
708-891.5 Computer fraud in the second degree
708-891.6 Computer fraud in the third degree
708-892 Computer damage in the first degree
708-892.5 Computer damage in the second degree
708-892.6 Computer damage in the third degree
708-895.5 Unauthorized computer access in the first degree
708-895.6 Unauthorized computer access in the second degree
708-895.7 Unauthorized computer access in the third degree
708-8100 Fraudulent use of a credit card
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708-8100.5 Fraudulent encoding of a credit card
708-8102 Theft, forgery, etc., of credit cards
708-8103 Credit card fraud by a provider of goods or services
708-8104 Possession of unauthorized credit card machinery or incomplete cards
708-8200 Cable television service fraud in the first degree
708-8202 Telecommunication service fraud in the first degree
708-8254 Arson in the fourth degree
708-8301 Habitual unlicensed contracting activity
708-8303 Unlicensed contractor fraud in the first degree
708-8304 Unlicensed contractor fraud in the second degree
708A-3 Money laundering
709-900 Illegally marrying
709-901 Concealing the corpse of an infant
709-905 Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person
711-1103 Riot
711-1106.5 Harassment by stalking
711-1106.6 Harassment by impersonation
711-1108 Abuse of a corpse
711-1108.5 Cruelty to animals in the first degree
711-1109 Cruelty to animals in the second degree, if the conviction is a felony

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711-1109.3 Cruelty to animals by fighting dogs in the first degree
711-1109.35 Cruelty to animals by fighting dogs in the second degree
711-1109.4 Causing injury or death to a service dog or law enforcement animal
711-1112 Interference with the operator of a public transit vehicle
712-1200 Prostitution
712-1206 Loitering for the purpose of engaging in or advancing prostitution
712-1207 Street solicitation of prostitution; designated areas
712-1208 Promoting travel for prostitution
712-1209 Solicitation of prostitution near schools or public parks
712-1209.5 Habitual solicitation of prostitution
712-1211 Displaying indecent matter
712-1214 Promoting pornography
712-1215.6 Promoting minor-produced sexual images in the second degree
712-1217 Open lewdness
712-1221 Promoting gambling in the first degree
712-1222.5 Promoting gambling aboard ships
712-1224 Possession of gambling records in the first degree
712-1240.7 Methamphetamine trafficking
712-1241 Promoting a dangerous drug in the first degree
712-1242 Promoting a dangerous drug in the second degree

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712-1243 Promoting a dangerous drug in the third degree
712-1244 Promoting a harmful drug in the first degree
712-1245 Promoting a harmful drug in the second degree
712-1246 Promoting a harmful drug in the third degree
712-1246.5 Promoting a harmful drug in the fourth degree
712-1247 Promoting a detrimental drug in the first degree
712-1248 Promoting a detrimental drug in the second degree
712-1249 Promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree
712-1249.4 Commercial promotion of marijuana in the first degree
712-1249.5 Commercial promotion of marijuana in the second degree
712-1249.6 Promoting a controlled substance in, on, or near schools, school vehicles, public parks, or public housing projects or complexes
712-1250 Promoting intoxicating compounds
712-1250.5 Promoting intoxicating liquor to a person under the age of twenty-one
712-1257 Prohibited cigarette sales of less than twenty-one, felony
712-1258 Tobacco products and electronic smoking devices; persons under twenty-one years of age