

# Child Abuse History Clearance

All youth organizations in Pennsylvania are required to undergo a child abuse history clearance background check. This includes:

- A Pennsylvania State Police criminal history report
- A child abuse history background check from the state Department of Human Services

These are both free and can be applied for online.

To request the Department of Human Services background check go to this website:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

- Select “create individual account” and follow the instructions.
- You will be asked to list each address where you have lived and everyone who you have lived with.
- The results will be emailed to you in about two weeks.

To request the Pennsylvania State Police criminal history report go to this website: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>

- Select “New Record Check (Volunteers Only)” and follow the instructions.
- Use 484-903-3406 for the organization phone number.

Anyone who has lived in Pennsylvania for less than 10 years must also undergo an FBI fingerprint based federal background check. The cost for this is \$23.

Information on how to apply for the FBI background check is available online here:

<http://dhs.pa.gov/publications/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm>

Once you have received your clearances, please email them to Peter Hall at [pahall228@gmail.com](mailto:pahall228@gmail.com).