



## Verifying Your Respite Worker

The Illinois Respite Coalition's Emergency Respite Program is available to caregivers of individuals with special needs who are not receiving state-funded respite services and who are facing an emergency situation. Our program is able to provide temporary, monetary assistance for caregivers to hire a trained respite worker of their choice to care for their loved one while they attend to their crisis. In partnership with the Department of Child and Family Services and the Department of Human Services, the IRC is dedicated to minimizing the risk of abuse for individuals of all ages and all disabilities.

The Emergency Respite Care Program offers the opportunity for a caregiver to choose a respite worker of their choice. It is the responsibility of the family caregiver to verify their respite worker. The Illinois Respite Coalition offers the following information to search and verify respite workers.

### TRAINING

The Illinois Respite Coalition has a training for individuals who would like to be a respite worker. The training is available here and is free of charge.

(More complete information once training is approved)

### BACKGROUND CHECKS

Your respite worker can request a personal review of their Criminal Background History to ensure their record is complete, accurate, and up-to-date and do not show any criminal history.

The cost of fingerprinting will be paid by the respite worker or family at the time of fingerprinting. Price varies between vendors.

When selecting a vendor, respite workers should first contact them to confirm they can provide timely fingerprint service to their area. Many livescan vendors offer mobile services to all areas of the state.

Lifescan vendors approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health:

- A Fingerprinting US Photo, Inc: 1-312-782-8144 or [www.fingerprintingchicago.com](http://www.fingerprintingchicago.com)
- Accurate Biometrics, Inc: 1-866-361-9944 or [www.accuratebiometrics.com](http://www.accuratebiometrics.com)
- Anthony's Mobile Fingerprinting, Inc: 1-888-406-8729 or [www.TheFingerPrintMan.com](http://www.TheFingerPrintMan.com)
- Big River Investigations: 1-217-228-9114 or [www.bigriverinvestigations.com](http://www.bigriverinvestigations.com)
- Bushue Human Resources, Inc: 1-217-342-3042 or [www.bushuehr.com](http://www.bushuehr.com)
- Fact Finders Group, Inc: 1-708-283-4200 or [www.factfindersgroup.com](http://www.factfindersgroup.com)
- FIRM Systems: 1-866-721-1203 or [www.firmsystems.net](http://www.firmsystems.net)
- iTouch Biometrics: 1-847-706-6789 or [www.itouchbiometrics.com](http://www.itouchbiometrics.com)
- Kevin McClain Investigations, Ltd: 1-618-532-1152 or [www.mcclaininvestigations.com](http://www.mcclaininvestigations.com)
- Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council: 1-877-746-0643 or [www.mchc.com](http://www.mchc.com)
- Morpho Trust USA (formerly L-1 Enrollment Services): 1-800-377-2080 or [www.identogo.com](http://www.identogo.com)



## **HEALTHCARE WORKER REGISTRY**

Nursing assistants/aides working in licensed and/or certified skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and home health agencies must be certified. Certification is achieved by successfully completing a state-approved nursing assistant training program, a competency test covering 21 mandated manual skills and a written competency test.

Nurse aides are placed on the Illinois Nurse Aide Registry after meeting the required training and competency testing criteria or equivalency criteria and undergoing a criminal background check. The Health Care Worker Background Check Act requires health care employers to conduct Illinois State Police criminal history record checks on employees who have responsibility for direct care and who are not otherwise licensed by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation or the Department of Public Health. A facility must contact the Department to verify a nurse aide's registry status prior to employment. Verifications can be made by phone or mail or through the website.

You can access the Illinois Department of Public Health's Healthcare Worker Registry at <https://hcwrpub.dph.illinois.gov/Default.aspx> and searching by name of worker.

## **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TRACKING SYSTEM (CANTS)**

The Department of Child and Family Services has a database called the Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) to identify if an individual has ever been charged with abuse or neglect. For programs not licensed through DCFS, this is an authorization for a background check. The application gets sent to the DCFS Springfield office where they will administer the background check in their system. The application is attached.

## **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

You can search to see if an individual has been convicted of a sexual crime or murder through the Illinois Sex Offender Registry and the National Sex Offender Registry.

The Illinois Sex Offender Registry is search by name, zip code, where they were incarcerated, if they are compliant or non-compliant with the registry, if they are homeless, and the type of offense committed. You can access the registry at: <https://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>

The National Sex Offender Registry includes registries for all 50 states, D.C., U.S. Territories, and Indian Country and is searchable by first or last name. You can access the registry at: <https://www.nsopw.gov/>