

Dear Providers,

Thank you for all you do to help the state's most vulnerable. To help you prepare for a change in the law, the Department of Children and Families has designed a Background Screening web site to help answer any questions you may have about the changes that take effect August 1, 2010. After this date, an employer will not be able to put an applicant to work until they are cleared by a Florida and national criminal background search based on fingerprints, (a Level 2 background screening). All background screening requests must be submitted electronically through a LiveScan vendor.

The web site will provide information quickly on who needs to be screened, who the regional contact coordinators are and answers to the most frequently asked questions. We will update the web site as our plans progress and encourage you to visit it often.

Early preparation for such a significant change is key to a smooth transition. We hope you will find this communication tool easy to navigate as we work together on this critical issue. Please visit the web site at www.dcfbackgroundscreening.com

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Sheldon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

George H. Sheldon
Secretary