



FAMILY SERVICES

## **PRIOR STATE CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECK REQUIREMENTS**

All foster and adoptive parents applicants and part-time or full-time household members age 18 and older that have lived outside of the state of Texas in the past 5 years must also participate in a background search in the state(s)'s central registry of abuse and neglect.

Persons age 18+ that live in the home, including applicants, which have lived outside of the state of Texas within the past 5 years should contact your Family Development Assistant to request information, if available, for obtaining this background check. If Covenant Kids has not previously searched records in your previous state, we will work with you to develop a plan for obtaining this information.

You may also search online for the steps to obtain this record from your previous state(s). The simplest way to request this statement would be an on line search of "State of\_\_\_\_\_". That will bring up state offices. Narrow it down to a Child Protective Agency or look for the hotline in that state; they will know where to send you for a central registry check. If you need assistance obtaining this information, please contact your CKFS Family Development Assistant.

Some states will require a fee and this will be the responsibility of the family needing the search to be obtained.