
POLICY

The Poverello Center Inc. will conduct employee background checks on all employees, or future employees to identify if any history includes information which would preclude their eligibility for employment at Poverello, including the list of wrongs for which candidate was convicted which would disqualify them from employment under FL Statute, Chapter 435.

I. Background Screenings are conducted to analyze the suitability of the candidate or employee for the job description for which the candidate/employee applied.

A. Consent: All background screenings are conducted with the specific consent of the individual whose background is being analyzed. Consent is documented through use of Form 05.10a Revised 09/18/2021 available as an addendum to this policy located at www.poverello.org/pp

B. Consider:

1. Whether the person is someone who has closed door access to clients, provides therapy, counseling, or assessments on clients, if the answer is yes, provide a Level 2 background screening through fingerprinting.
2. if #1 above is not the case, then use a Level 1 background check that is name-based analysis, social media review, and/or other means necessary to complete the check.

C. Analyze:

Does the background check reveal any serious history of criminal, or other unethical activity? Specifically screen for convictions contained in F.S. Chapter 435.04 which is attached for reference.

D. Disclose:

Provide each employee with a copy of the background check results, regardless of the result. If disqualified from employment based on the background check, utilize F.S. Chapter 435.04 as the justification for such action.

Approvals:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments:

A. FS Chapter 435.04

B. Form 05.10a Revised 09/18/2021

Attachment A: The 2021 Florida Statutes

Title XXXI LABOR Chapter 435 EMPLOYMENT SCREENING

435.04 Level 2 screening standards.—

(1)(a) All employees required by law to be screened pursuant to this section must undergo security background investigations as a condition of employment and continued employment which includes, but need not be limited to, fingerprinting for statewide criminal history records checks through the Department of Law Enforcement, and national criminal history records checks through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and may include local criminal records checks through local law enforcement agencies.

(b) Fingerprints submitted pursuant to this section on or after July 1, 2012, must be submitted electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement.

(c) An agency may contract with one or more vendors to perform all or part of the electronic fingerprinting pursuant to this section. Such contracts must ensure that the owners and personnel of the vendor performing the electronic fingerprinting are qualified and will ensure the integrity and security of all personal information.

(d) An agency may require by rule that fingerprints submitted pursuant to this section must be submitted electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement on a date earlier than July 1, 2012.

(e) Vendors who submit fingerprints on behalf of employers must:

1. Meet the requirements of s. 943.053; and
2. Have the ability to communicate electronically with the state agency accepting screening results from the Department of Law Enforcement and provide the applicant's full first name, middle initial, and last name; social security number or individual taxpayer identification number; date of birth; mailing address; sex; and race.

(2) The security background investigations under this section must ensure that no persons subject to the provisions of this section have been arrested for and are awaiting final disposition of, have been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or have been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of the following provisions of state law or similar law of another jurisdiction:

(a) Section 393.135, relating to sexual misconduct with certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.

(b) Section 394.4593, relating to sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.

(c) Section 415.111, relating to adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.

(d) Section 777.04, relating to attempts, solicitation, and conspiracy to commit an offense listed in this subsection.

(e) Section 782.04, relating to murder.

- (f) Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child.
- (g) Section 782.071, relating to vehicular homicide.
- (h) Section 782.09, relating to killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother.
- (i) Chapter 784, relating to assault, battery, and culpable negligence, if the offense was a felony.
- (j) Section 784.011, relating to assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
- (k) Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
- (l) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
- (m) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
- (n) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- (o) Section 787.04(2), relating to taking, enticing, or removing a child beyond the state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
- (p) Section 787.04(3), relating to carrying a child beyond the state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing a child at a custody hearing or delivering the child to the designated person.
- (q) Section 790.115(1), relating to exhibiting firearms or weapons within 1,000 feet of a school.
- (r) Section 790.115(2)(b), relating to possessing an electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon on school property.
- (s) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- (t) Former s. 794.041, relating to prohibited acts of persons in familial or custodial authority.
- (u) Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity with certain minors.
- (v) Chapter 796, relating to prostitution.
- (w) Section 798.02, relating to lewd and lascivious behavior.
- (x) Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure.
- (y) Section 806.01, relating to arson.
- (z) Section 810.02, relating to burglary.
- (aa) Section 810.14, relating to voyeurism, if the offense is a felony.
- (bb) Section 810.145, relating to video voyeurism, if the offense is a felony.
- (cc) Chapter 812, relating to theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony.
- (dd) Section 817.563, relating to fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony.
- (ee) Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- (ff) Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- (gg) Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult, if the offense was a felony.

- (hh) Section 826.04, relating to incest.
- (ii) Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- (jj) Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.
- (kk) Former s. 827.05, relating to negligent treatment of children.
- (ll) Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a child.
- (mm) Section 843.01, relating to resisting arrest with violence.
- (nn) Section 843.025, relating to depriving a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer means of protection or communication.
- (oo) Section 843.12, relating to aiding in an escape.
- (pp) Section 843.13, relating to aiding in the escape of juvenile inmates in correctional institutions.
- (qq) Chapter 847, relating to obscene literature.
- (rr) Section 874.05, relating to encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang.
- (ss) Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and control, only if the offense was a felony or if any other person involved in the offense was a minor.
- (tt) Section 916.1075, relating to sexual misconduct with certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
- (uu) Section 944.35(3), relating to inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment on an inmate resulting in great bodily harm.
- (vv) Section 944.40, relating to escape.
- (ww) Section 944.46, relating to harboring, concealing, or aiding an escaped prisoner.
- (xx) Section 944.47, relating to introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.
- (yy) Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in juvenile justice programs.
- (zz) Section 985.711, relating to contraband introduced into detention facilities.
- (3) The security background investigations under this section must ensure that no person subject to this section has been arrested for and is awaiting final disposition of, been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any offense that constitutes domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28, whether such act was committed in this state or in another jurisdiction.
- (4) For the purpose of screening applicability to participate in the Medicaid program, the security background investigations under this section must ensure that a person subject to screening under this section has not been arrested for and is not awaiting final disposition of; has not been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to; and has not been adjudicated delinquent and the record sealed or expunged for, any of the following offenses:
 - (a) Violation of a federal law or a law in any state which creates a criminal offense relating to:

1. The delivery of any goods or services under Medicaid or Medicare or any other public or private health care or health insurance program, including the performance of management or administrative services relating to the delivery of goods or services under any such program;
2. Neglect or abuse of a patient in connection with the delivery of any health care good or service;
3. Unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a controlled substance;
4. Fraud, theft, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary responsibility, or other financial misconduct;
5. Moral turpitude, if punishable by imprisonment of a year or more; or
6. Interference with or obstruction of an investigation into any criminal offense identified in this subsection.

(b) Violation of the following state laws or laws of another jurisdiction:

1. Section 817.569, criminal use of a public record or information contained in a public record;
2. Section 838.016, unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior;
3. Section 838.021, corruption by threat against a public servant;
4. Section 838.022, official misconduct;
5. Section 838.22, bid tampering;
6. Section 839.13, falsifying records; or
7. Section 839.26, misuse of confidential information.

(c) Violation of a federal or state law, rule, or regulation governing the Florida Medicaid program or any other state Medicaid program, the Medicare program, or any other publicly funded federal or state health care or health insurance program.

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