



Third-Party Summer Programs Background Clearances

Florida Law requires that all personnel involved in “Summer Camps” (also referred to as Program) for children or who provide care for developmentally disabled adults be screened annually through the agency for Health Care Administration’s *Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse* (Clearinghouse). “Summer Camp” is very broad: “recreational, educational and other enrichment programs operated during summer vacations for children” (i.e., under 18). This broad definition obviously encompasses many of the programs conducted at USF. USF defines summer vacations for children to be the period between May 15 and August 15 of a given calendar year.

- Third-Party Summer Camps/Programs operating on USF System property are responsible for obtaining their own Clearinghouse background screenings. If your organization has not previously utilized the Clearinghouse, information on registering for the Clearinghouse and obtaining background screenings can be found here:

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- USF requires that *all* program personnel be screened; *no except* ~~http://www.flhca.gov/clearinghouse/~~

- In compliance with Sections 39.201 and 39.205, Florida Statutes; Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 3.002; and USF Policy 6-032 any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that child abused, abandoned, or neglected must report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Department of Children and Family Services (DCF):
<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/abuse>