


NATIONAL FORUM FOR BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAMS

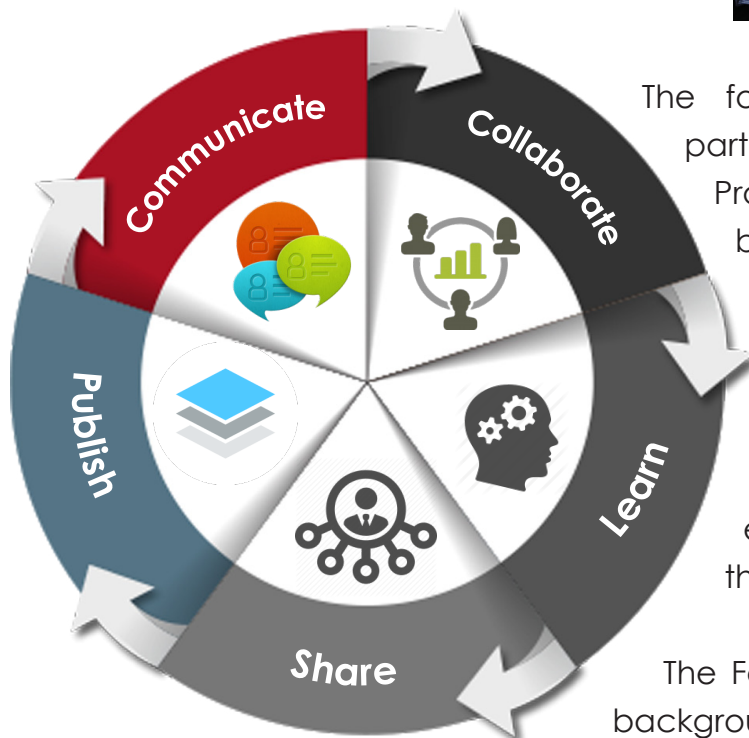
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- ✓ Keeping vulnerable populations secure from abuse, neglect and exploitation
 - ✓ Improving workforce quality through an effective, efficient, and equitable background screening process

The Forum: What and Why

Patient abuse, neglect and misappropriation of funds remain widespread problems for millions of Americans receiving health care services. Protecting this vulnerable population continues to be a national challenge. The National Forum for Background Check Programs (the Forum) represents a proactive, national effort to establish a comprehensive, fingerprint-based background screening process to facilitate an informed hiring process while avoiding unnecessary delays and/or expense to potential employers and applicants.



The forum was founded by State agencies that participated in the National Background Check Program (NBCP), a development grant sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and begun in 2010. The grant program has served to advance information sharing, technology, best practices, and data analysis. As State agencies approached graduation from the grant program, they identified the need to establish a Forum to continue the work begun in the NBCP.



The Forum advances a forward-thinking approach to background check screening through the utilization of automated screening processes and online data management to achieve accurate background check results in an efficient, cost-effective manner. To capitalize on the success and lessons-learned of member States, this multi-state collaborative was established to facilitate the sharing of information and the leveraging of resources.

Who We Are: Vision, Mission, and Values

OUR MISSION: The Forum enhances the quality of care to vulnerable populations by facilitating and advocating for effective, efficient, and equitable background check programs.

OUR VISION: Safer populations through the use of best practices in background check screening.

FORUM VALUES: Background check programs to protect vulnerable populations affect many different segments of our social fabric. As such, the forum members endorse the following organizational values:

We show **RESPECT** to all stakeholders and the contributions they provide.

We seek **DIVERSITY** of opinion, experience, and perspectives to address important aspects of the challenges and solutions presented.

We strive for **COLLABORATION** among various State and Federal partners and programs to advance common broad background check initiatives and protect a variety of vulnerable populations.

We are champions for **EQUITABLE** pre-employment screening practices that balance the needs of service recipients, job applicants, and employers.



What We Do: Strategy and Initiatives

To best protect the public health through background screening of care workers, the Forum has the following areas of strategic focus:

- Be a centralized information resource point
- Advocate for adoption and sustainment of background checks nationally
- Be a catalyst for collaboration among States and other stakeholders
- Provide data and analysis of information.

SUPPORTING INITIATIVES

To help accomplish our larger goals, the Forum has defined the following background check program initiatives:

- Advance and promote agency best practices
- Identify alternatives and tools to assist in financial sustainment
- Provide support for single or multi-state background check technology contracts
- Expand shared registry data among States
- Index state and federal statutory and regulatory provisions across vulnerable populations
- Become custodians of background check data supplied by States
- Analyze data to report on the effectiveness, efficiency, and economy of background screening programs.

HOW TO JOIN:

Membership is open to current and former NBCP grantee State agencies at no cost. Members will be involved in the following:

- Implementing current initiatives based on interest and experience
- Shaping the structure and organization of the Forum
- Developing bylaws and new initiatives
- State agencies should receive management approval before participating.

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