

Criminal Record Check for Out-of-care Care Providers



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Did you know that the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) revised its Criminal Record Check Policy in February 2013?

- ✓ The new policy aims to provide more clarity and direction for workers, while it acknowledges the importance of normalizing everyday life in the homes of children and their care providers.
- ✓ This policy applies to Extended Family Program, as well as temporary and permanent out-of-care orders

Do you ever wonder who in the home needs to have a criminal record check done?

- ✓ This policy requires a Consolidated Criminal Record Check on the proposed care provider(s) **and** on any individual 18 years of age and over who lives in the home or may have significant and unsupervised access to the child.
- ✓ This includes:
 - ✓ Individuals 18 years of age and over who are visiting and/or staying overnight for **more than 30 days** in the home where the child/youth lives; and
 - ✓ Anyone in an intimate partner-relationship with the proposed care provider, who regularly visits and/or stays in the home where the child/youth lives.
- ✓ Keep in mind that there is **NO** need to get a Consolidated Criminal Record Check in significant and unsupervised situations including:
 - Child minding;
 - Baby sitting;
 - Sleepovers; and
 - Activities outside the home and respite care.

In these types of situations, the care provider(s) is expected to act as a 'prudent parent' to ensure the child's safety.