### Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD)

# TRUSTLINE BACKGROUND CHECKS

Caregiver Background Check Bureau

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#### **Criminal Record Exemptions**

- Processed for more than 20 licensing programs.

#### TrustLine (TL) Program

- Process applications and background checks for CDSS and CDE subsidized programs, Ancillary Day Care Program, Foster Care Mentors, and Volunteers.

#### **Policy**

- Write Regulations, Legislative Proposals, Bill Analyses, etc.



#### <u>Staffing</u>

- 38 Analysts
- 15 Clerical
- 7 Managers

#### TL Staff:

- 5 Analysts
- 3 Clerical
- 1 Manager

#### Workload (per year)

- + 21,000 fingerprints
- + 12,000 Rap Sheets
- + 13,000 TL Applications



- Per H&S Code 1596.603, persons must submit fingerprints and a complete TL application.
- If convicted of certain crimes, a criminal record exemption is necessary before an individual can be TL Registered.
- Per H&S Code 1596.607 (a)(1), if the TL applicant has been convicted of a crime the department shall deny the application, unless an exemption is granted.



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- Review and process DOJ and FBI RAP Sheets.
- Review arrest and CACI information.
  - CACI must be checked prior to granting a TL application to care for children.
- Refer arrest-only cases to the CCLD, Investigations Branch (IB).

#### Things Analysts Consider:

- The type of crime committed
- Rehabilitation efforts made
- Length of time since last conviction
- Release from probation
- Self disclosure statements
- Character references
- Written verification of education, drug/alcohol treatment, or counseling

- Complete requests for exemptions must be provided within 45 days of the date on the letter.
- It may take CBCB up to 75 days to process the exemption.



- If CBCB does not receive a response from the individual, the exemption case will be closed.
- If the exemption is denied, CBCB sends notification of the denial to the individual.
  - The individual has 15 days to request an appeal.
- In addition, CBCB sends pending/cleared/closed status updates to the Network three times per week.



## **Non-Exemptible Convictions**



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- Currently, there are 59 non-exemptible crimes, including:
  - Murder
  - Mayhem
  - Torture
  - Kidnapping
- Individuals with non-exemptible conviction(s) are not eligible to apply for a criminal record exemption.
- All arrests for non-exemptible crimes must be investigated.

## **Investigation of Arrests**

- Arrest-only investigation is conducted of all nonexemptible and other serious crimes.
- Investigation is completed by IB.
- IB determines if the "conduct" is substantiated to an administrative standard.

## **Investigation of CACI**

- CACI must be checked prior to granting a TL application to care for children.
- When a CACI match is received, the analyst requests a copy of the report from the Reporting Agency.
- After reviewing the report, the analyst may refer the case to IB for investigation.

## Mistaken Identity

If the rap sheet contains incorrect information, the individual is informed to contact:

DOJ Records Department

(916) 227-3849



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- The CCLD website is located at: www.ccld.ca.gov
- General information and FAQs can be accessed under Fingerprinting /Background Check Process



#### **CBCB Contact Information**

#### Information:

1-888-422-5669

#### **Mailing Address:**

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