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The Honorable Pete Stark  
The Honorable George Miller  
The Honorable Sander M. Levin  
House of Representatives

Subject: Child Care: State Requirements for Background Checks

This letter responds to your request that we provide information for each state about the background checks it requires to be conducted on its regulated child care providers. This information expands upon the aggregate data presented on background check requirements in our recent report, which examined state activities to enforce child care requirements.<sup>1</sup>

Background checks involve gathering information from state and federal databases to determine if providers have a history of child abuse or other criminal convictions that would make them unacceptable for working with children. As we reported, experts and the literature both identified conducting background checks as one of several critical licensing activities that help states ensure the safety and health of children in child care settings. Background checks on providers include state criminal history checks, state child abuse registry checks, and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) checks. All but four states require that at least one type of check be conducted on their regulated providers, while many states require that more than one be conducted. The enclosure to this letter shows which types of background checks are required by each state for regulated family child care homes, group homes,<sup>2</sup> and child care centers.

The data used in our report and in this correspondence were collected through a survey sent to child care licensing directors in 50 states and the District of Columbia in May 1999; all surveys but one were returned. The survey asked about the extent to which licensing offices conducted critical enforcement activities, including background checks, during fiscal year 1999. We conducted our work for this correspondence between January and February 2000 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

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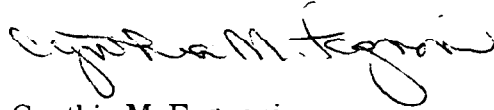
<sup>1</sup>Child Care: State Efforts to Enforce Safety and Health Requirements (GAO/HEHS-00-28, Jan. 24, 2000).

<sup>2</sup>Typically, family child care consists of one provider caring for six or fewer children in the provider's home. Group home care usually involves two providers caring for 7 to 12 children in a provider's home.

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We are sending copies of this correspondence to the Honorable Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; appropriate congressional committees; and other interested parties. We will also make copies available to others upon request.

If you or your staff have any questions about this correspondence, please contact me or Karen Whiten on (202) 512-7215. Janet L. Mascia made key contributions to this correspondence.



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Enclosure

BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY STATES FOR REGULATED OUT-OF-HOME  
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, 1999

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Alabama<sup>a</sup></b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff			
Center director			
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>Alaska<sup>b</sup></b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff			
Center director			
Other nonteaching staff			

Note: A check mark indicates that a background check is required by the state, while a blank indicates that a background check is not required.

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Arizona</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		✓
Provider's assistant	✓		✓
Provider's spouse	✓		✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓		✓
Provider's assistant	✓		✓
Provider's spouse	✓		✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		✓
Center director	✓		✓
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>Arkansas</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>California</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓
<b>Colorado</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Connecticut</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		
<b>Delaware</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>District of Columbia*</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home<sup>c</sup></b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff			
Center director			
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>Florida</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home<sup>c</sup></b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Georgia</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		✓
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓		✓
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓		
<b>Hawaii</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓



	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Idaho</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓
<b>Illinois</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Indiana</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	
<b>Iowa</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Kansas</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	
<b>Kentucky</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Louisiana</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		
<b>Maine</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home<sup>d</sup></b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓		

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Maryland</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home<sup>c</sup></b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓		✓
<b>Massachusetts</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children	✓		
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children	✓		
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Michigan</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff			
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>Minnesota</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children	✓		
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children	✓		
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Mississippi</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	
<b>Missouri</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Montana</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	
<b>Nebraska</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse		✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home		✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse		✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home		✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff		✓	
Center director		✓	
Other nonteaching staff		✓	



	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Nevada</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓
<b>New Hampshire</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>New Jersey</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse		✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home		✓	
<b>Group home<sup>d</sup></b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff		✓	
Center director		✓	
Other nonteaching staff		✓	
<b>New Mexico</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		✓
Provider's assistant	✓		✓
Provider's spouse	✓		✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		✓
Center director	✓		✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓		✓

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>New York</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse		✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home		✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse		✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the Provider's home		✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff		✓	
Center director		✓	
Other nonteaching staff		✓	
<b>North Carolina</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children	✓		
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home<sup>c</sup></b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>North Dakota</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff		✓	
Center director		✓	
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>Ohio</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children	✓		
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓		✓
Provider's assistant	✓		✓
Provider's spouse	✓		✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		✓
Center director	✓		✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓		✓

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home<sup>c</sup></b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		
<b>Oregon</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>Rhode Island</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff		✓	✓
Center director		✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff			

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<b>South Carolina</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	✓
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>South Dakota</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse		✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home		✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider		✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse		✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home		✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff		✓	
Center director		✓	
Other nonteaching staff		✓	

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<b>Tennessee*</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff			
Center director			
Other nonteaching staff			
<b>Texas</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	



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<b>Utah</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	✓
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	✓
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	✓
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	✓
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	✓
Center director	✓	✓	✓
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	✓
<b>Vermont</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant		✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children		✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Virginia</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓	✓	
<b>Group home<sup>c</sup></b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓	✓	
Center director	✓	✓	
Other nonteaching staff	✓	✓	
<b>Washington</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓	✓	
Provider's assistant	✓	✓	
Provider's spouse	✓	✓	
Provider's minor children	✓	✓	
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		

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<b>West Virginia</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		
<b>Wisconsin</b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider	✓		
Provider's assistant	✓		
Provider's spouse	✓		
Provider's minor children	✓		
Other adults living in the provider's home	✓		
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff	✓		
Center director	✓		
Other nonteaching staff	✓		

	State criminal history	State child abuse registry	FBI
<b>Wyoming<sup>a</sup></b>			
<b>Family child care</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the provider's home			
<b>Group home</b>			
Provider			
Provider's assistant			
Provider's spouse			
Provider's minor children			
Other adults living in the Provider's home			
<b>Center</b>			
Teaching staff			
Center director			
Other nonteaching staff			

<sup>a</sup>This state does not require background checks.

<sup>b</sup>This state did not respond to the survey.

<sup>c</sup>This state does not have group home providers.

<sup>d</sup>This state provided data for the group home provider category but referred to these providers as small child care centers.

Source: Analysis of data collected for our report Child Care: State Efforts to Enforce Safety and Health Requirements (GAO/HEHS-00-28, Jan. 24, 2000).

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