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>

- 40 Analysts
- 19 Clerical
- 11 Managers

TL Staff:

- 6 Analysts
- 4 Clerical
- 2 Managers

Workload (per year)

- + 21,000 fingerprints
- + 12,000 Rap Sheets
- + 18,000 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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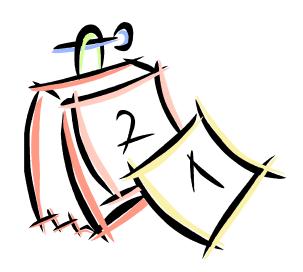
- Review and process DOJ and FBI RAP Sheets.
- Review arrest and CACI information.
 - CACI must be checked prior to granting a TL application to care for children.
- Refer arrest-only cases to the CCLD, Investigations Branch (IB).

Exemption Evaluation &Decision Process

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 58 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 County Welfare Department.
- 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



- 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:

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