

REQUIRED Background Checks

Your home study requires **3 background checks** from various law enforcement agencies.

It will be necessary for you to obtain a **local criminal background check from your local Police or Sheriff's Department**. This needs to be completed on anyone in your home over the age of 18. It may be wise to call your Police or Sheriff's Department first to see if there is a charge for this service.

Additionally, background checks from the **FBI** and **FDLE** are required for all prospective adoptive parents.

Connecting Hearts Adoption Services is an approved LiveScan eligible agency. LiveScan is an electronic fingerprinting service and confirmation of your prints are sent directly to Connecting Hearts via email within 24-72 hours of submission. The cost is \$51.25 per person fingerprinted and includes FDLE and FBI results. L1Enrollment is the service Connecting Hearts clients must use. If you go to the website listed below, you will be able to find a LiveScan provider near you.

<http://L1enrollment.com/locations/?st=fl>

Please use their online service to schedule your appointment. You will need to input the information below as this identifies you as a client of Connecting Hearts and your results will be emailed directly to Connecting Hearts Adoption Services. As well, please make sure to select the correct application category.

Application Category:

VECHS – Volunteer & Employee Criminal History System

Choose: **Volunteer**

Qualified Entity Number: 48030073

Should there be any reported criminal history, it will be necessary for you to obtain any and all reports as well as provide a written explanation as to the circumstance involving law enforcement.

Please sign below confirming you understand that the local criminal background check from your local Police or Sheriff's Department AND the LiveScan fingerprinting for the FDLE and FBI is a requirement for the home study process. ALL background checks needs to be completed on every person in the home over the age of 18.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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***Please attach your local background check to this form.**