

## Idaho Background Check Information for Peer Providers

Passing a criminal history background check will most likely be a condition of employment as a certified peer support specialist in Idaho. We encourage you to be aware of your ability to pass a background check prior to applying to training; however, we do not require you to submit your background check with your training application. Your background check will be conducted by your future employer.

Please visit the Criminal History Unit website at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/chu> and contact them at 208-332-7990 or [crimhist@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:crimhist@dhw.idaho.gov) if you have questions about your ability to pass a background check. Please note that you may not be able to pass a background check if you have had a felony in the last 5 years even if it is not a disqualifying offense.

### Background Check Waivers

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare also has a Background Check Waiver Application for individuals who receive a denial from the Criminal History Unit during a background check. The Background Check Waiver is an opportunity to have that denial waived in order to work as a certified peer support specialist.

To learn more about the background check waiver process and how to apply, please [click here to visit the Behavioral Health Service Providers page](#) on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website. Important links can be found by clicking the grey heading titled 'Criminal history background check waiver process'.

If you have any questions about the waiver, please contact [Rachael.Masaitis@dhw.Idaho.gov](mailto:Rachael.Masaitis@dhw.Idaho.gov).

### Background Check Resources

- [Idaho Criminal History Unit Website](#)
  - Scroll to the bottom of the page for helpful links and FAQs
- [Background Check Informational Brochure](#)
  - Detailed information about specific offenses
- [Background Check Waiver Information](#) from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- [Background Check Waiver Information](#) from Optum Idaho
- [Background Check Waiver Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Background Check Waiver Application](#)
- [Behavioral Health Service Providers page](#)