

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 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

As of July 1 2021, peer providers are eligible for background check waivers/variances. To learn more about background check waivers/variances and how to apply, please read [this background check waiver information](#) and visit the [Behavioral Health Service Providers page](#) on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website.

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](#)