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**CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY AVAILABLE
TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS**

Effective October 1, 2005, Nevada Law authorizes the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to inform eligible employers whether current or prospective employees or volunteers have been the subject of substantiated abuse or neglect. DCFS may disclose information about substantiated reports of abuse or neglect to an employer if it is to be used to determine whether an individual should be hired to provide care, custody, treatment or supervision of children or vulnerable adults. Abuse and neglect, as defined in statute includes mental injury, physical injury, sexual abuse and exploitation, negligent treatment or maltreatment, and excessive corporal punishment.

A database, called the Central Registry for Abuse and Neglect, is maintained by the central office of DCFS and contains the following information:

- (a) "The information in any report of child abuse or neglect made pursuant to [NRS 432B.220](#), and the results, if any, of the investigation of the report;
- (b) Statistical information on the protective services provided in this state; and
- (c) Any other information, which the division determines to be in furtherance of [NRS 432.100](#) to [432.130](#), inclusive, and [432B.010](#) to [432B.400](#), inclusive."

Information regarding substantiated reports of abuse may be released by DCFS pursuant to [NRS 432.100\(3\)](#):

- (a) "If the person who is the subject of a background investigation by the employer provides written authorization for the release of the information; and
- (b) Either:
 - (1) The employer is required by law to conduct the background investigation of the person for employment purposes; or
 - (2) The person who is the subject of the background investigation could, in the course of his employment, have regular and substantial contact with children or regular and substantial contact with elderly persons who require assistance or care from other persons, but only to the extent necessary to inform the employer whether the person who is the subject of the background investigation has been found to have abused or neglected a child."

If you are an employer who serves vulnerable populations and would like to request a registry search, link to http://www.dcf.state.nv.us/DCFS_ChildProtSer-CentralReg.htm. Complete the form and return with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address listed on the form. After DCFS determines that you are entitled to the requested information, DCFS will notify you of the findings in writing. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to:

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