

Background Check Information for Hack Pennsylvania

Effective August 2015, you need background checks to volunteer at any event involving kids in the state of PA, and we're required by law to inform you how to obtain them. You can find more information at keepkidssafe.pa.gov. The required background checks are free to obtain.

TL;DR, before Hack Pennsylvania I need a reply with a copy of a new PA Criminal Record Check AND you need to start a request for a Child Abuse Check using the included voucher code or send me your existing results.

These clearances will be valid for 5 years if you choose to volunteer with PA kids or visit PA schools in the future – which would be awesome :)

PA Criminal Record Check (Free)

You'll need to have a NEW **criminal record check**, it usually takes 5 minutes to complete. Click the big yellow volunteer button to start the process. Once you're done, copy and paste your invoice number AND the results into an [email to lachlan@hackpenn.com](mailto:lachlan@hackpenn.com). I need to have a physical copy on file in the case that the police or an ambulance show up to our event.

PA Child Abuse Check (Free)

You'll need to complete a request for a PA Child Abuse clearance if you haven't done so in the past 60 months. [Complete it here](#) – it will take ~10 minutes to complete.

When it asks you for a reason for completing the check, select Volunteer Having Contact with Children, category Other, and organization name The Hack Foundation. (That's our fiscal sponsor.)

In the last step, it will ask you for payment info. It is IMPORTANT that you check the box that says I have a payment voucher and enter the code below:

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That will allow me to access your child abuse check. It may take until after Hack Pennsylvania for results to show up but you'll be fine if they are still in progress as Hack Pennsylvania is happening.

If you have already done a background check for volunteer purposes, send the the existing results or provide me with your DOB and I will look it up.

FBI Fingerprinting (\$27.50) or 10 Year PA Residency Statement (Free) or Judge Certification

If you're been a **continuous** resident of the state of PA for the past 10 years please let me know and I will send you a form to sign. Also, if you already have an existing judge certification let me know. If you already have a FBI fingerprint from the last 5 years, you are good to go and no action needs to be taken. (If you're not sure, send me your name and DOB so I can look it up.)

If you did not live continuously in PA for the past 10 years or have a judge certification you'll need to complete an FBI fingerprint. Take a look at [this page](#)— you will need to register and pay \$27.50 ahead of time. Then you'll need to come to a fingerprinting location (which includes some UPS stores) to get your fingerprint taken and submitted ([here's a list of locations](#)).

I know this is a lot but it means so much if you can get these done as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Lachlan
Lead organizer, [Hack Pennsylvania](#)