

Fingerprinting: Considerations and Resources



FBI Next Generation Identification System

The FBI's Next Generation Identification system is the largest biometric database of criminals in the world, and clear, legible fingerprints form the foundation of its master fingerprint file. Agencies submitting fingerprints to the FBI should be aware of the proper procedures for recording fingerprints.

Basic Fingerprint Equipment

Fingerprints can be recorded utilizing the following methods:

- **Standard Fingerprint Card** (e.g., FD-249 and FD-258)
 - Use ink to record fingerprint images on standard fingerprint cards
- **Live Scan**
 - Fingerprint images can be submitted electronically using a live scan device
 - Electronic fingerprinting equipment should be properly maintained at all times

FBI Certified Products List

For a list of all certified products, please refer to the FBI Certified Products List here: www.fbibiospecs.cjis.gov/certifications

Lead Agency Preparation Questions

These are just some of the questions to consider when exploring fingerprint implementation

- What discussions have taken place with involved entities?
- Has implementing legislation and/or regulation been introduced?
- What infrastructure already exists to obtain fingerprints?
- What needs to be done to provide the broadest coverage statewide and in local jurisdictions?
- Does this structure provide optimal access and turnaround time for providers and within the 45-day timeframe required by law?
- What are the options – buy live scan equipment, lease, contract with a vendor, or use an FBI approved channeler?
- Have FBI channelers been considered? FBI approved channelers can transmit fingerprints directly to the FBI and copy the State Agency, but State Agencies still need to submit and complete in-state fingerprint checks of their criminal justice registry.
- Which is the most practical, efficient, and least costly option for implementation?
- Will results be added to a central child care employee registry for tracking purposes?
- What are the staffing needs?

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Fingerprint CBC Requirements

Reminder: The following CCDF CBC components require use of a fingerprint

- National FBI Criminal History Check
- In-State Criminal History Check