

Juvenile Intake and Assessment System Standards  Kansas Department of Corrections- Division of Juvenile Services State of Kansas	<b>CHAPTER:</b>  <b>STAFF</b>	<b>STANDARD NO.</b>  <b>JIAS-02-101</b>
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**STANDARD:** Written policy, procedure and practice shall require detailed job descriptions, educational and employment requirements for the Intake and Assessment Program's full-time staff. The applicant shall at a minimum meet the following requirements for employment:

- Be twenty-one (21) years of age or older
- Be qualified for access to any Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) data
- Not be registered on the Kansas child abuse registry [Click here for form](#)
- Not be registered on the Kansas adult abuse registry [Click here for form](#)
- Possess a valid driver's license

A name-based criminal record check must be completed prior to initial employment; annually for the duration of employment; and whenever there is reasonable belief that an employee's criminal history status has changed. A fingerprint-based records check is to be completed within the first 30 days of employment. A conditional offer of employment can be made to a new applicant pending the results of criminal record checks.

The documented results of all records checks completed must be maintained in a secured location within the agency in accordance with Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) guidelines. Records shall only be accessible to individuals who have clearance to said information and shall not be kept in an employee's personnel file. In lieu of a physical copy of the results, agencies with a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) terminal may maintain a log of when checks are conducted. This log should at a minimum include the employee name, date and time the records check is conducted. This log will allow the agency to access historical information in the NCIC terminal as necessary for Kansas Department of Corrections KDOC audits.

If a felony conviction exists, the agency may request an exception to access KCJIS information by contacting the KCJIS Unit at KHP. If a KHP exception is granted, the agency must then request an exception from KDOC. To request an exception from KDOC, the following documentation must be submitted to a designated KDOC Intake and Assessment Program Consultant in the Early Intervention Services Unit: a letter from the local director stating the reason for the request, the results of the criminal record check and a copy of the exception granted by the KCJIS Unit of KHP.

**NOTE:** The standards and procedures set forth herein are intended to establish operational guidelines for the intake and assessment program operating through the board of county commissioners and their employees/contractors and youth participating in the intake and assessment process. They are not intended to establish state created liberty interests for the intake and assessment program or the board of county commissioners, or their employees/contractors, or youth, or an independent duty owed by the Kansas Department of Corrections- Division of Juvenile Services to intake and assessment programs operating through the board of county commissioners or their employees/contractors, supervised juveniles or third parties. This standard and procedure is not intended to establish or create new constitutional rights or to enlarge or expand upon existing constitutional rights or duties.

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Kansas child and adult abuse registry checks must be completed through the Department for Children and Families (DCF) prior to initial employment; annually for the duration of employment; and whenever there is reasonable belief that an employee's registry status has changed.

Driver's license validity shall be verified by the issuing authority prior to initial employment; annually for the duration of employment; and whenever there is reasonable belief that an employee's driver's license status has changed.

To the extent it does not conflict with other local county rules, directives or standards, the education and experience qualifications of the Intake and Assessment Program's full-time staff shall be specified in writing by the hiring authority and include, at a minimum, a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) equivalent, and two (2) years of college coursework in human services or other related field; or two (2) years experience working with youth and families. To request an exception from KDOC, the following documentation must be submitted to a designated KDOC Intake and Assessment Program Consultant in the Early Intervention Services Unit: a letter from the local director stating the reason for the request, the applicant's educational and employment experience.

DISCUSSION: A bachelor's degree is preferred.

Record checks are necessary initially and annually due to the accessibility of sensitive information via files and KDOC data management systems per KCJIS requirements.

Fingerprint-based records checks do not need to be completed annually as identity verification is confirmed with the 30 day screen.

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