

## PHAA Evaluator Child Abuse Certification

As a PHAA evaluator, you are not an employee of PHAA and are not paid by PHAA. You contract directly with families for evaluation services. Your role most closely aligns with the legal definition of a volunteer under Pennsylvania law; therefore, the following state-mandated child-abuse clearances are required by Pennsylvania law:

1. [Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Certification](#) (CWIS - apply online)
2. [Pennsylvania Criminal History Background check](#) (Pennsylvania State Police - mail-in request)
3. If you have *not* lived in Pennsylvania for the last 5 years, or if you are also a teacher (not just an evaluator), you have to comply with a third requirement: [FBI Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Check](#) (DHS - [schedule online](#); at the top of the page enter your service code as a teacher: 1KG756 or as just as a volunteer/evaluator: 1KG6ZJ)

You should maintain current copies of your clearances and provide them to families upon request.

[Click here](#) for PHAA's Background Clearances Policy