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1. Who needs to get a Background Check Report?

Background Checks are only required for adults age 18 and older who are registered adult participants or leaders of synodical overnight events (i.e. Synod Youth Retreat). These do not include day-events. High school students who are 18 or 19 do not need a background check

2. How do I get a Background Check Report?

You will complete an online application for a background check. The NJ Synod uses DataSource Background Screening Service. You can submit your secure online application by clicking here. <https://newjerseysynodelca.quickapp.pro/forms>.

Contact Lois Parrett - 609-586-6800 or lparrett@njsynod.org with any questions.

3. How often do I need to get one done?

Once every four years, or whenever you change your congregational membership.

4. Who will read the report?

The Synod Youth Ministry Team leader and a member of the Synod Staff.

5. How much does this cost?

The entire cost of the reports is covered by the New Jersey Synod. There is no cost to you or your congregation.

6. How is this report kept safe?

DataSource Background Screening Service employs the latest in online security to ensure the safety of our account and all of the reports therein. We do not print out copies of the report.

7. I already have a background check (as a teacher, pastor, scout leader, etc.). Can I use that one in place of the one required by the Synod?

No. Unfortunately, the synod cannot accept Background Reports done for other organizations (schools, hospitals, etc.). In order for these reports to remain confidential and contain all of the necessary information to provide maximum safety, these reports must be done through the synod's account with DataSource Background Screening Service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Ministry team leader, Debra Porowski at youthmin@njsynod.org.