



## Background Check Talking Points

- Children should be safe in child care. Particularly, licensed child care should require comprehensive background checks.
- If a background check doesn't require a fingerprint check, then it's not complete. People can use an alias to beat the system. For example, sometimes a simple letter can change a person's name – consider: Hilary vs. Hillary or Jennifer vs. Jenifer or Elisabeth vs. Elizabeth.
- No one can game a fingerprint check. Each fingerprint is unique.
- A comprehensive background check means a fingerprint check against state and federal records, a check of the sex offender registry, and a check of the child abuse registry.
- Only 17 states require a fingerprint check against the sex offender registry.
- 7 states do not check the child abuse registry. That makes no sense.
- It makes no sense to allow federal funds to be spent to pay convicted felons or sex offenders or those who have abused children to care for children.
- Just say no. No background check. No federal money. No license to care for children.