Automated Background Check System (ABCS) Application Overview



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Who is ABCS for?

- The Automated Background Check System (ABCS) is an online application to be used by the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) staff, contractors and subcontractors to electronically submit background check requests for:
 - DFPS employees,
 - DFPS volunteers/interns,
 - DFPS contractors for purchased client services (PCS), and
 - Individuals not employed by DFPS but have a business need to have direct contact with DFPS information technology resources or facilities (i.e. janitors, security guards).

ABCS Background Check types

- The following types of background checks may be requested through ABCS.
 The type(s) of background checks required vary depending on the contract type:
 - Abuse/Neglect History Check
 - Texas Criminal History Check (DPS Name-based)
 - National Criminal History Check (FBI fingerprint)

How do I access ABCS?

Beginning July 2024, ABCS can only be accessed by logging into MYDAP (My DFPS Application Passport)

 Review the resource document Requesting Access to ABCS for step by-step instructions for gaining access to ABCS



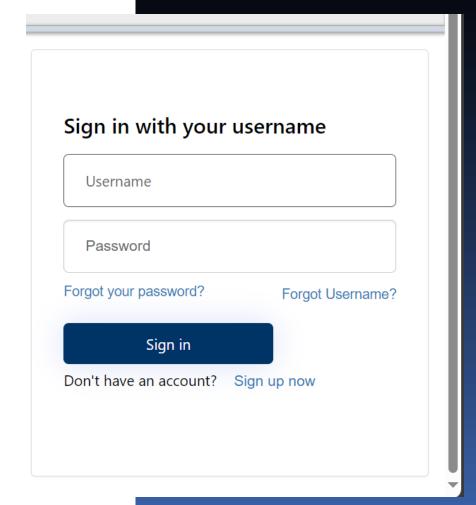
What can I do in ABCS?

* There are a variety of functions that can be performed in ABCS. The ability to perform certain functions in ABCS is based on the type of user profile that is created when ABCS access is granted.

Role Type	ABCS functions available
User	 Submit background checks Initiate a subject-submitted background check request View background check submittal history, including processing status Receive background check results (if approved) Upload documents
Administrator	**All user functions plus: Add or Delete a user or administrator Edit a current user or administrator's user Role and their ability to Receive Background Check Results Edit account details Edit the email address associated to the account Link/Unlink Accounts
Super User	**All user and administrator functions plus:
(DFPS Staff only)	 Register a new contract in ABCS Edit account type View background check submittal history, including processing status and background check determination status displayed by individual background check type requested

Logging into ABCS

- Log in to MYDAP at https://dfpsportal.dfps.texas.gov
- If a MYDAP account has not yet been created, see *Requesting Access to ABCS* resource document or view *ABCS User Guide* for further instructions.







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ABCS Home

Logging into **ABCS**

After logging into MY DAP successfully, you will automatically be redirected to the ABCS Home Screen

Navigating to an account

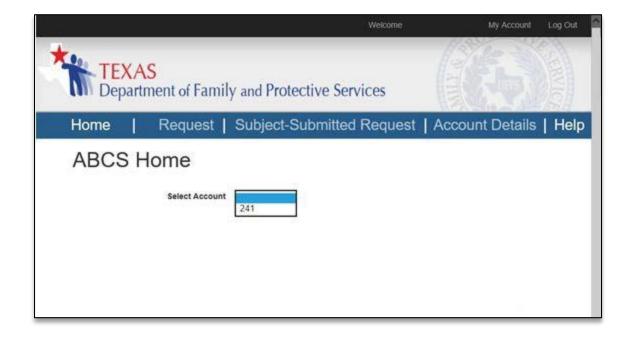
DFPS staff

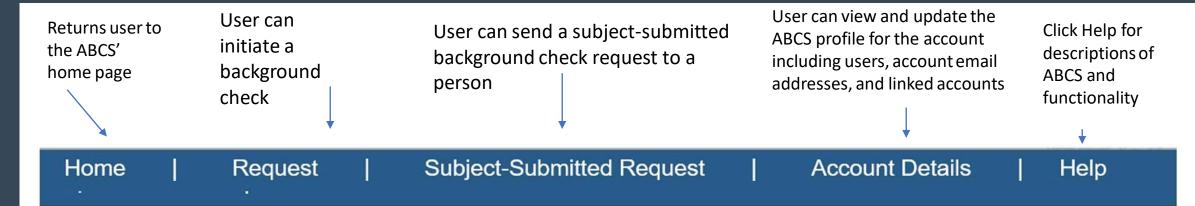
- 1. Enter Agency Account ID in the SelectAccount field
- 2. Once account has displayed, click the number of the account



All other ABCS users, including external partners

1. Select an available account from the pop-up menu





ABCS Home

Select Account 12345678

Please enter at least three digits to find Account

Resource Name : Mickey Mouse LPC

Resource ID: 55555555
Agency Account ID: 12345678

Email Address: abcstest1@yahoo.com

Active Inactive

Active Background Check History Records

ABCS Account Home Page

Resource Name:

Agency Account ID:

Resource ID:

Email Address:

Mickey Mouse LPC

55555555

12345678

abcstest1@yahoo.com



Resource Information: View information

on file with DFPS for the specific account displayed at the top of each

ABCS screen



Active/Inactive tabs: Navigate between the active and inactive tabs to locate

background check history records for the

account

Active Background Check History Records

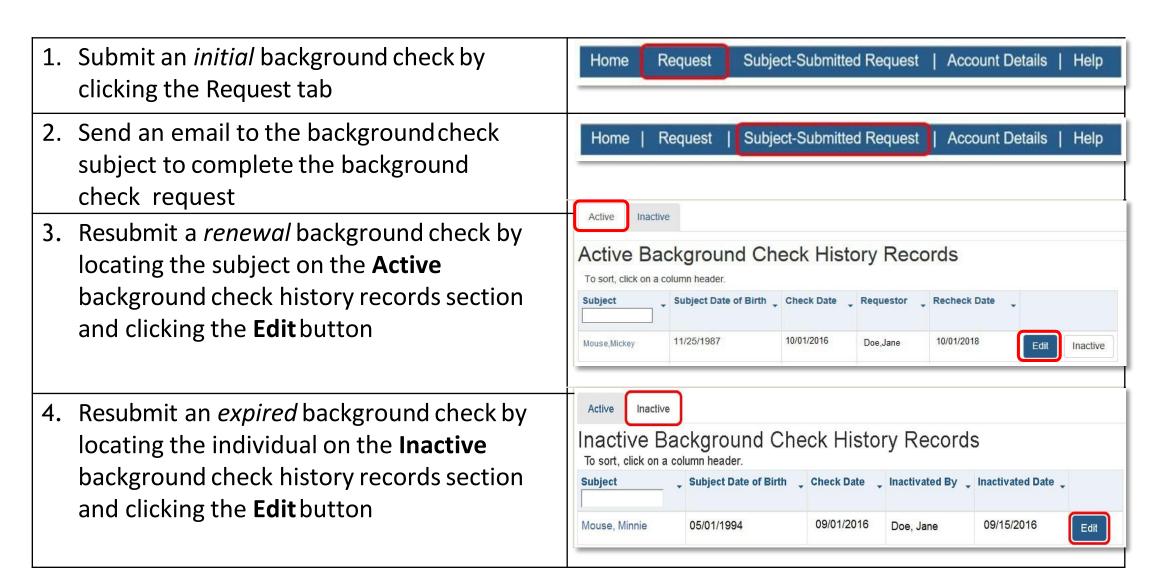
To sort, click on a column header.

Subject	Subject Date of Birth	Check Date	Requestor	Recheck Date _	
Mouse, Mickey	10/10/1965	03/27/2016	Torp,Angela M	03/27/2018	Edit Inactiv

Edit: Click edit to modify and resubmit a prior background check initiated

Inactive: Click inactive to notify DFPS when an individual is no longer employed or associated with the account

There are four ways a background check can be completed by a user in ABCS:



ABCS test resource Resource Name: Resource ID: 123 Contract ID: 241 abcstest1@yahoo.com Email Address: *Required Field Background Check Request Please click the link below to review the policy, expectations, and/or requirements related to background check requests processed by DFPS. http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/background_checks Name: Enter all applicable information including additional Name applicable name fields (Middle Name, Maiden Name, Suffix) * First Name: Middle Name: * Last Name: Maiden Name: Suffix: Alternate Name(s) Alternate First Name: Alternate Middle Name: Alternate Last Name: Alternate Suffix:

Alternate Name(s)

If the background check subject has used additional variations of their name at any point in the past, they must be entered in the Alternate Name section. Enter an alternate name in the fields provided and select Add. Enter additional alternate names using the same process.

Social Security Number: In order to submit the background check, a Social Security Number (SSN) must be entered unless the subject does not have one.

If the background check subject is not a U.S. citizen and does not have an SSN, an alternate form of identification may be provided.

* If an individual has a valid SSN, you *must* select Yes. Failure to provide SSN when available will invalidate the background check request.*

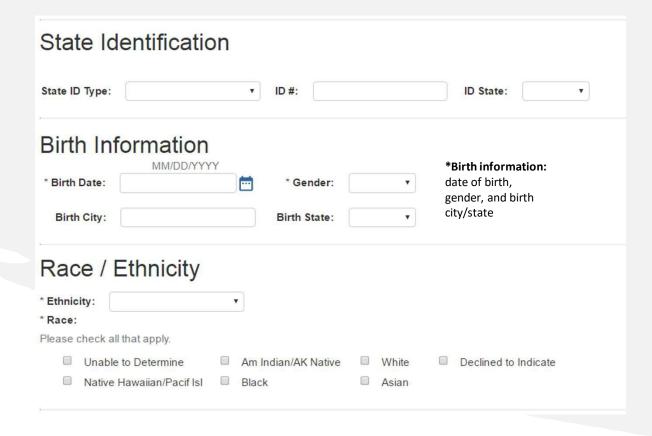
Social Security Number If this person has been issued a Social Security Number (SSN), it must be provided to ensure the background check result is valid. If this person does not have a SSN, you must enter a valid alternate number type. * Does this person have a Social Security Number? Yes No Social Security Number If this person has been issued a Social Security Number (SSN), it must be provided to ensure the background check result is valid. If this person does not have a SSN, you must enter a valid alternate number type * Does this person have a Social Security Number? Alternate Number * Alternate Number Type: * Alternate Number: * Confirm Alternate Number: Perm. Res. Card # State Photo ID # * Alternate Number Type: Driver's License # * Alternate Number: 123456789 123456789 * Confirm Alternate Number:

State Identification: If the background check subject has a driver's license or state issued identification that was not provided as an alternate identification number, it can be entered in the State Identification section. Providing the additional information will further assist the Centralized Background Check Unit staff when processing the background check.

- Select State ID Type and ID State from the drop-down options provided
- Enter ID # in the field provided

Race/Ethnicity

- Select the applicable ethnicity of the background check subject from the drop-down options provided.
- Select the checkboxes for all identified race(s) of the background check subject.



- External User Type: Select External User Type from the drop-down options (*For some populations, this is pre-selected for you).
- Requisition Number: **DFPS New Hires ONLY- All other users leave blank: Enter Department ID and Requisition Number in the fields provided.
- HHSC Purchase Order Number: **HHSC Vendors
 ONLY- All other users leave blank: Enter HHSC PO
 number.
- Eligible for Case Connection: This is only for CASA-Select appropriate radio button to question indicating whether subject of background check is eligible for DFPS Case Connection access



Current Address Address entered must be validated prior to submitting the background check request. **Current Address** Please enter a physical address. P.O. Boxes cannot be used. Enter the current address for the * Current Street Address 1: background check subject in the required **Current Street Address 2:** fields and select Validate Address * Current City: * Current County: *Additional information regarding the * Current Zip Code: * Current State: validation process is located on the following slide Validate Address

If displayed, select appropriate radio button to the question indicating whether subject of background check has lived outside of Texas in the listed period of time.
 2 years (External Access or HHSC Vendors)- FBI fingerprint or Out of State Criminal History check is required
 5 years (DFPS Contractors)- FBI fingerprint check is required

* Has this person lived outside of Texas in the last 2 years?

* Has this person lived outside of Texas in the last 5 years?

* No

Current Address Validation

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 Suggested Address OEntered Address Street Address 1: 1500 Main St. Street Address 1: 1500 MAIN ST Street Address 2: Street Address 2: City: Dallas City: DALLAS DALLAS County: County: State: Texas State: Texas Zip Code: 75201-4815 Zip Code: Use Selected Address

Current Address: Enter the current address for the background check subject in the required fields and select **Validate Address**

*Additional information regarding the validation process is located on the following slide

Submitting a Background Check

Current Address Validation

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City:

Zip Code:

Entered Address

Suggested Address

Address could not be validated as entered. Modify and reattempt validation or use entered address if correct.

Use Selected Address

If no suggested address is found, view message indicating address could not be validated as entered. Click *Use Selected Address* to return to the background check entry page. Confirm address entered was complete and valid as intended.

- If incorrect, edit and reattempt validation
- If correct, continue to next section

1 Congress Ave.

TRAVIS

Complete the validation process outlined on the previous slide.

Once the appropriate address validation selection has been made, select **Add**

Repeat steps for all previous physical addresses for the background check subject

Previous Address(es)		
Address(es) entered must be validated prior to su	bmitting the background check request.	
Please enter a physica	address. P.O. Boxes cannot be used.	
Previous Street Address 1:		
Previous Street Address 2:		
Previous City:	Previous County:	~
Previous State:	Previous Zip Code:	
		Validate Address
		Add

Once added, previous address entries will be logged and can be modified or deleted using the **Edit** and **Delete** buttons that display.

Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	County	State	Zip	
10 E 2ND ST		AUSTIN	TRAVIS	Texas	78701-4649	Edit Delete
10 MAIN ST		ATLANTA	OUT OF STATE	Georgia		Edit Delete

Contact Information

- Select Primary Phone Type from the drop-down options provided.
- Enter Primary Phone number for the background check subject and Primary Extension (if applicable) in the fields provided
- If applicable, select Secondary
 Phone Type and enter Secondary
 Phone number and Secondary
 Extension for the background check subject
- Enter and confirm the Email address for the background check subject

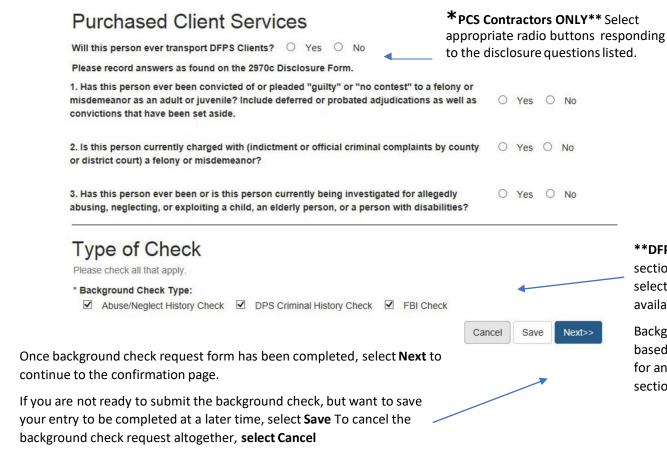
Contact Information * Primary Phone Type: * Primary Phone: Secondary Phone Type: * Secondary Phone: * Contact Method for Fingerprint Scheduling: example@email.com Email: * Confirm Email: * Confirm Email:

*Some populations require an email address be entered.

If FBI fingerprints are required, select the preferred contact method for fingerprint scheduling for the background check subject The contact method selected will be used by background check subject to schedule their fingerprinting appointment and by the fingerprinting vendor to contact the individual, if needed.

Additional instructions on the fingerprinting process can be viewed on the DFPS Background Check website:

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Background Checks/fingerprinting.asp



DFPS Staff ONLY The Type of Check section will display containing the ability to select/unselect the background check types available in ABCS.

Background check types will be pre-selected based on contract type but can be modified for an individual background check in this section if needed.

Background Check Request Errors

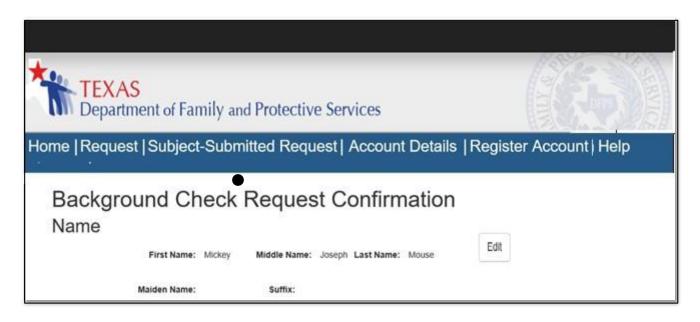
If any errors are identified with the background check request form after attempting to transition to the next step, an error message will populate at the top of the page identifying the error and details about the data that is missing or in the invalid format. Click on the error to be taken to the section of the page where the error was identified

- 9 Your information contains 17 errors
 - · First Name: This field is required.
 - · Last Name: This field is required.
 - Do you have a Social Security Number?: This field is required.
 - · Birth Date: This field is required.
 - · Gender: This field is required.
 - Ethnicity: This field is required.
 - Race: This field is required.
 - · External User Type: This field is required.
 - · Role/Job Duty: This field is required.
 - · Current Street Address 1: This field is required.
 - Current City: This field is required.
 - Current County: This field is required.
 - · Current State: This field is required.
 - Current Zip Code: This field is required.
 - Lived outside of Texas?: This field is required.
 - · Primary Phone Type: This field is required.
 - · Primary Phone: This field is required.

Background Check Request Confirmation: If no errors are observed on the background check request form, you will be directed to the background check request confirmation page.

This **does not indicate the request has been successfully submitted. Review the data entered and scroll to the bottom of the page to complete the request.

If any edits are needed, select the **Edit** button displayed to the right of the applicable section to modify the applicable data.



Background Check Request Confirmation cont.

When all data entered has been reviewed and confirmed to be correct, scroll to the bottom of the page to complete the authorization statements and finalize submittal.

Read all displayed authorization statements confirming review and acceptance by clicking the checkbox to the left of each statement.





When all authorization statements have been checked, the Submit button will become enabled.

Select **Submit** to complete the background check request entry.

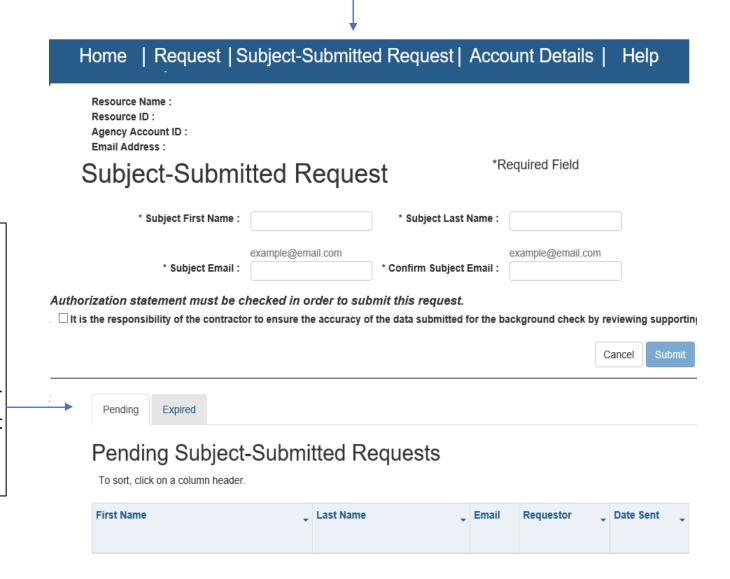
Once the background check has been submitted, the page will refresh to the ABCS Account Home page where the background check subject's name can be viewed on the Active background check history records list

ABCS Subject-Submitted Request

*If the organization prefers the background check subject to complete the background check request form entering their own personal data, this can be initiated through the Subject-Submitted Request page

Subject-Submitted Request: Initiate a subject-submitted request email by entering basic information about the background check subject

Subject-Submitted Request History: View prior subject-submitted requests including those that are still pending or expired.



Initiate Subject-Submitted Request

- Select Subject-Submitted **Request** from the ABCS main tabbar
- Enter the background check subject's First and **Last Name**
- Enter and confirm the background check subject's **Email** address
- Complete any additional fields displayed, if applicable (Department ID, Requisition Number, **HHSC Purchase Order** Number)

Subject-Submitted Request

Resource Na Resource ID Agency Acc Email Addre	ame :) : ount ID :	Therapy, Inc. 12345678 55555555 abcstest1@yahoo		t-Submitted Requ			Help
Subje	ct-Sub	mitted	Reques	*Required F	Field		
* 5	Subject First N	ame :		* Subject Last Name :			
	* Subject E)email.com	* Confirm Subject Email :	example@email.com		
_				mit this request. The data submitted for the b	ackground check by re	eviewing supporting	documen
				firming review and a tement has been ch	•	•	

address provided.

Authorization statement must be checked in order to submit this request. ✓ It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure the accuracy of the data submitted for the background check by reviewing supporting documents. Cancel Submit

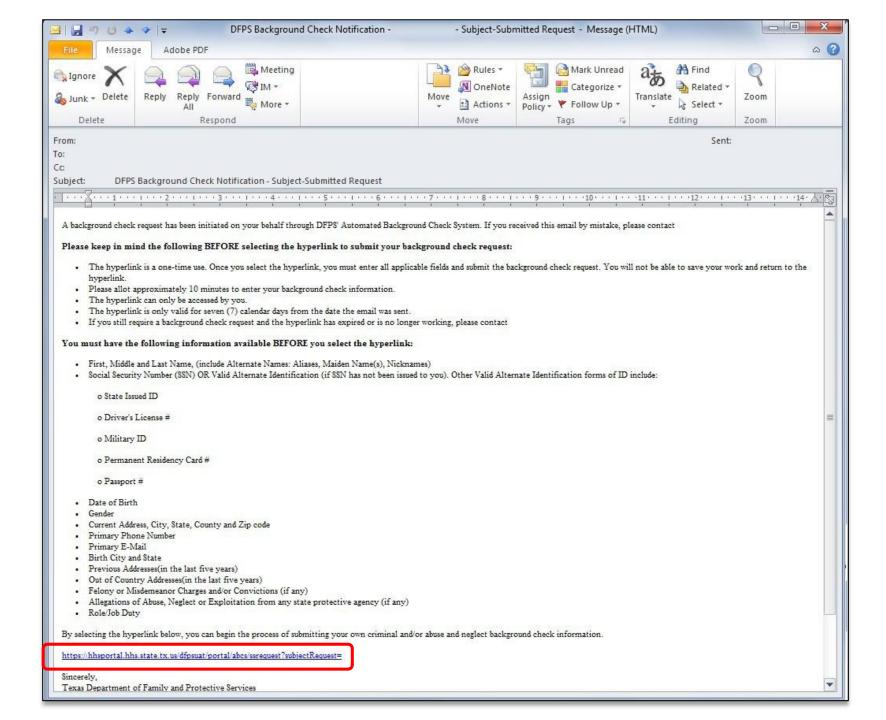
Subject-Submitted Request

Email: The background check subject will receive an email like the one displayed here containing instructions on what is required to complete the background check request and a hyperlink to begin the submittal process.

**Note: The hyperlink contained in the email is for one-time use only and will remain active for only 7 days from the date the email was sent.

To begin, background check subjects will click the hyperlink to be directed to the background check request page. The page will pre-fill information entered with the subject-submitted request and require the subject to enter the remaining fields as outlined in prior slides.

Subject-Submitted Request

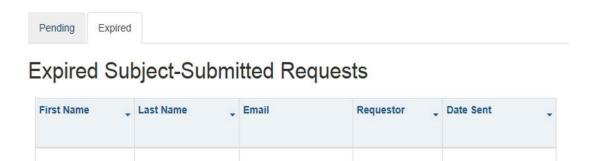


Subject-Submitted Request

Pending Subject Submitted Requests:

Until a subject-submitted request is accessed or the request expires, the details of the request can be viewed on the **Pending Subject-Submitted Requests** section on the Subject-Submitted Request page.





Expired Subject-Submitted Requests:

When a background check link has not been completed by the subject within 7 days of when it was sent, record of the subject-submitted request will be displayed on the **Expired Subject-Submitted Requests** section on the Subject-Submitted Request page. If a background check is still needed for the individual, the provider must send a new subject-submitted request link or initiate the background check directly in ABCS.

ABCS Account Details



*Required Field

Home | Request | Subject-Submitted Request | Account Details | Help

Resource Name: Therapy, Inc Resource ID: 12345678 Agency Account ID: 5555555

Email Address: abcstest1@yahoo.com

Current User List

Add new users to (Administrators and DFPS staff only) or view existing users of ABCS for the listed account (All users)

Account Details

Current User List

* Name :

* User Role :

* Receive Background Check Results :

Yes

Name User Role Email Receive Background Check Results

No items found

Account Email Address

Account Email: abcstest1@yahoo.com
Edit

Account Details

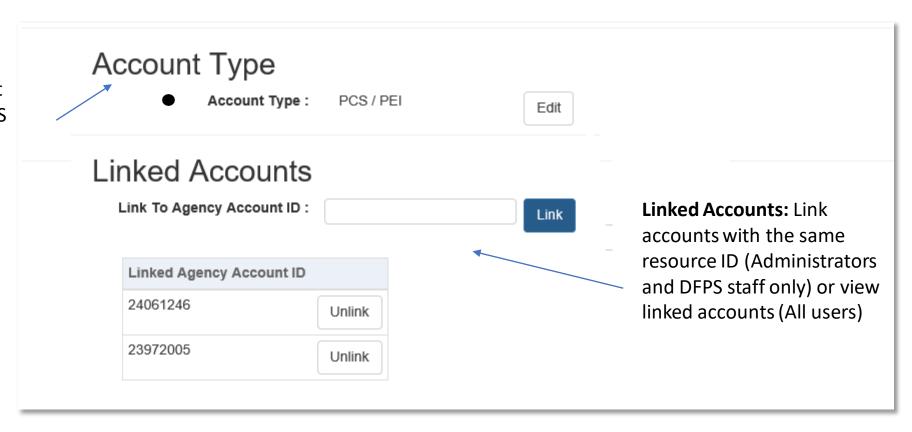
Click **Account Details** to view and update the ABCS profile for the account including ABCS users, account email address, and linked accounts

Account Email Address

Edit account email address (Administrators and DFPS staff only) or view email address for the account (All users)

ABCS Account Details

Account Type: Edit account type (DFPS staff only) or view account type (All users)



• Contract Administrators and DFPS staff have the ability to add new users to ABCS, as well as, modify the user access settings of existing ABCS users in the **Current User List** section of the Account Details Page

Name of User Select the Name

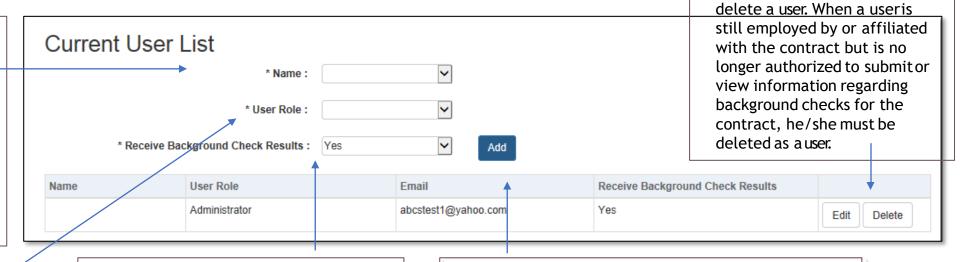
Select the Name of the user to add from the drop down options displayed. (**If user is not displayed, user has not been granted access to ABCS in MYDAP. View the ABCS Requesting Access Training for guidance.)

User Role

* Name :

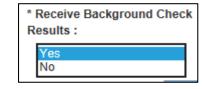
Select the **User Role** the individual is authorized for from the drop down options provided.

* User Role : Administrator User



Result Authorization

Select Yes/No regarding whether the individual is approved to **Receive Background Check Results** for background checks they submit in ABCS. (*If individual is not approved, background check result notifications generated from background check submitted by the user will be sent to the email address listed for the account



Add User

Once all drop down selections have been made, select **Add** to add user to the Current UserList

Edit/Delete UserAccessUse the Edit button to modify

Use the **Delete** buttons to

user access

Name U	User Role	Email	Receive Background Check Results	
Henson,Jim /	Administrator	abcstest@dfps.state.tx.us	Yes	Edit Delete
Fauna,Flora L	User	abcstest@dfps.state.tx.us	No	Edit Delete



 Select Edit in the accountemail address section. Enter and confirm new email address.



• Select Save

Account Type *DFPS Staff ONLY*

 Select Edit in the account type section. Select new account type from drop down options provided.

CASA
PCS / PEI
DFPS New Hire
DFPS Volunteer
DADS
HHSC Vendors
TJJD
External Access Users
External Volunteer Agencies
Other

• Select **Save**

Account Email Address Account Email: abcstest1@yahoo.com Edit Account Type Account Type: PCS/PEI Edit Linked Accounts Link To Account ID: Link Linked Account ID

Linked Accounts

Contract Administrators and DFPS Staff ONLY

Linking accounts in ABCS allows users who are assigned as an Administrator or user on multiple accounts to view background check history for multiple accounts with one login.

**If a background check needs to be submitted for an individual on a specific account, you must be logged into the MYDAP account for that specific contract.

- Enter Account ID in the field provided
- Select **Link**
- Confirm link in confirmation window



- View linked accounts displayed
- To discontinue linking, select
 Unlink

for the specific account number

Linked Acco	unt ID
240	Unlink

Account Details

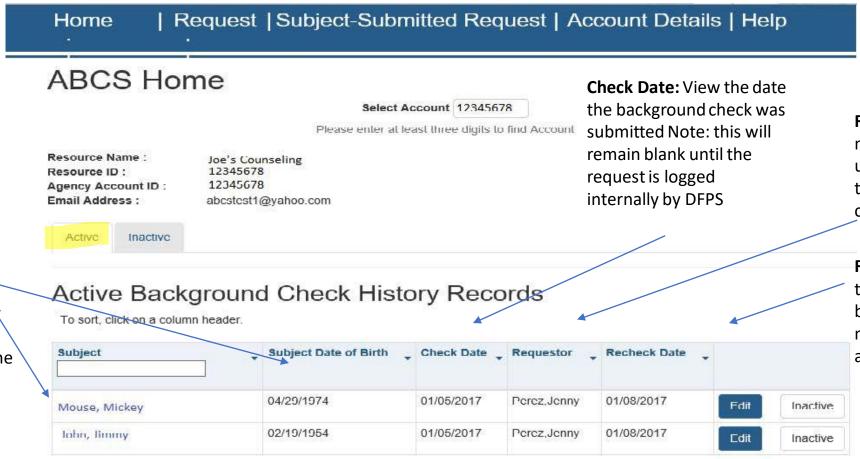
Background Check Result History

Subject Name:

Locate the subject using the scroll bar or search field.
Once located, click the individual's name to view background check history details

Subject Date of Birth:

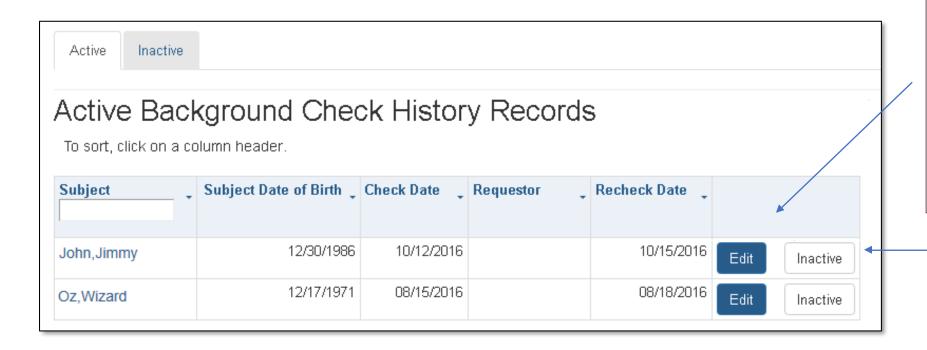
View the date of birth for the background check subject submitted with the request



Requestor: View the name of the ABCS user who submitted the background

check

Recheck Date: View the date a renewal background check must be submitted, if applicable



Edit

Click **Edit** to modify and resubmita prior background check initiated. Selecting Edit will redirect you to the background check request form where prior information submitted will pre-fill. Review and edit any modifications needed and complete the background check submittal process as outlined in priorslides.

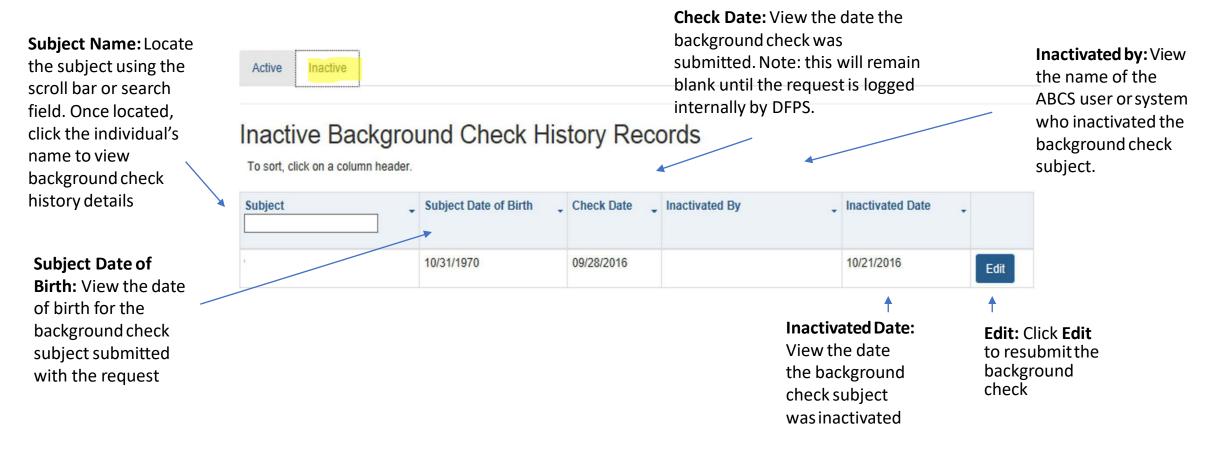
Inactive

Click **Inactive** to notify DFPS when an individual is no longer employed or affiliated with the contract.

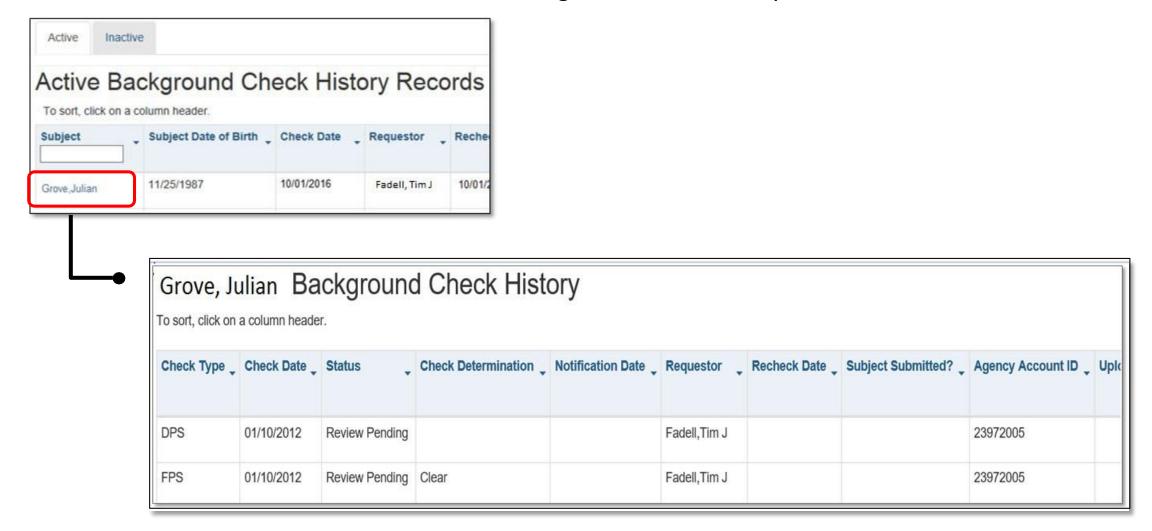
When inactivation is confirmed in the pop-up window, the individual's background check history record row will move to the Inactive tab

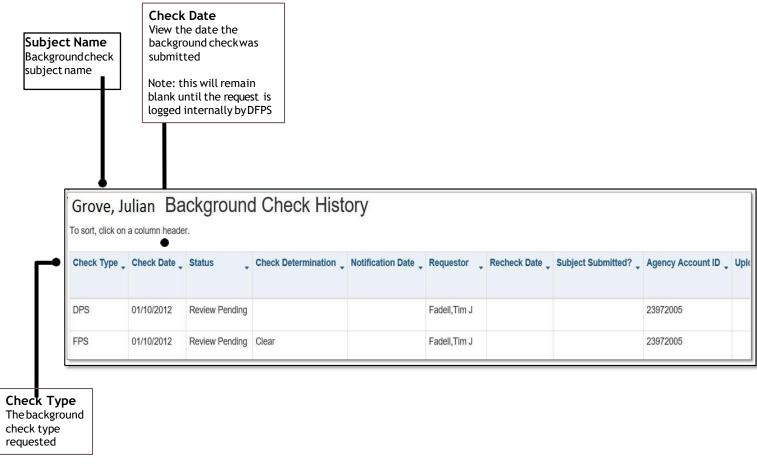
Background Check Result History

Once an individual has been deemed Inactive, a record of the most recent background check will be viewable on the **Inactive Background Check History Records** tab on the ABCS Home page for the account.



By clicking on an individual's name on either the Active or Inactive background check historyrecords tabs, additional details about the individual's background check history can be viewed





Check Determination (DFPS StaffONLY):

Displays the results of background check types

Check Determination	Determination description
RE - Eligible	Background check result is eligible for a risk evaluation
Possible Match	Background check result is being reviewed as a possible match
Clear Background check result is cleared	
Not Applicable Background check processing is completed	
Bar	Background check resulted in a bar
Bar - RE Not Requested	Background check resulted in a bar and risk evaluation was not requested
Clear - RE Approved	Risk evaluation was completed and approved
Bar - RE Denied	Risk evaluation was completed and denied

Grove, Julian Background Check History

To sort, click on a column header.

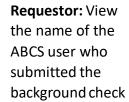
Check Type _	Check Date _	Status	Check Determination _	Notification Date _	Requestor	Recheck Date _	Subject Submitted? _	Agency Account ID Uplo
DPS	01/10/2012	Review Pending			Fadell,Tim J			23972005
FPS	01/10/2012	Review Pending	Clear		Fadell,Tim J			23972005

Status:

Displays the overall status of the background check or individual results for a specific background check type.

Status	Status description	
Saved, Not Submitted	Background check has not been submitted	
Successful Submission	Background check has been successfully submitted, but has not initiated processing	
Review Pending	Background check is being processed	
Complete	Background check processing is completed	
Action Needed	Additional actions are required to complete processing	
Cancel	Background check type was cancelled	

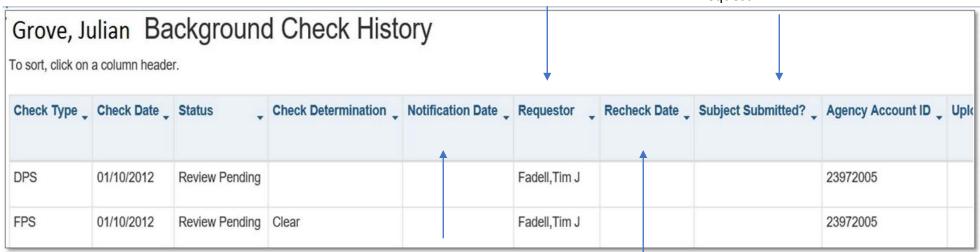
Background Check Result History



Subject Submitted:

Displays **Y** if the background check was completed with a Subject Submitted

Request



date a result notification was sent for a specific background check type. System-generated notifications sent with results in the body of the

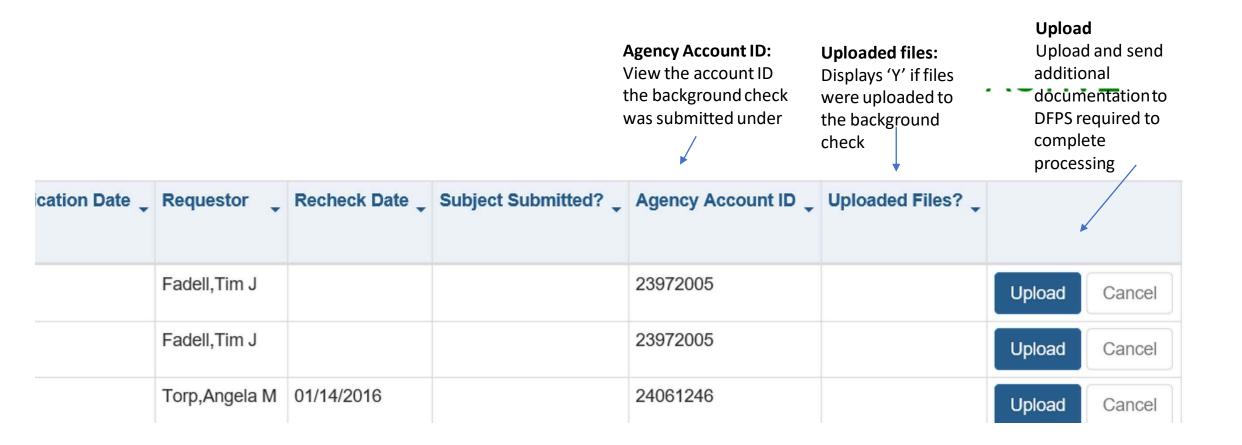
email will not display a

notification date.

Notification Date: View the

View the date a renewal background check must be submitted, if applicable

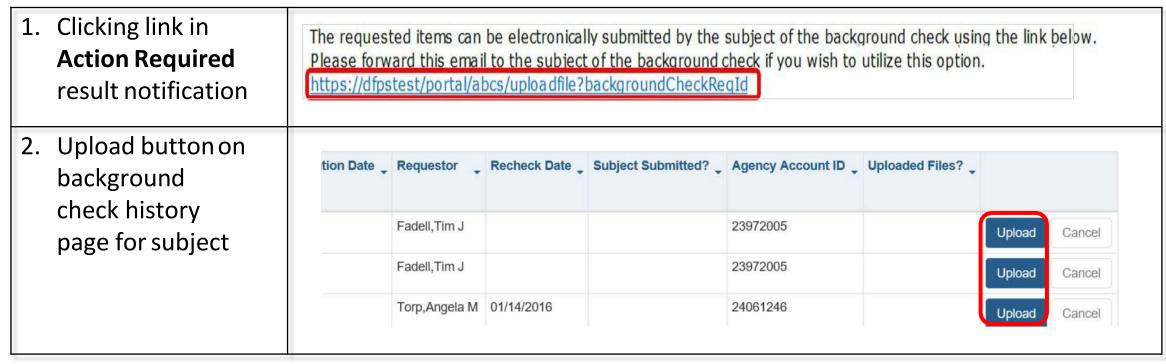
Recheck Date:



Document Upload

When additional documentation is required or has been requested by DFPS staff to complete a background check, documents requested can be uploaded directly in ABCS

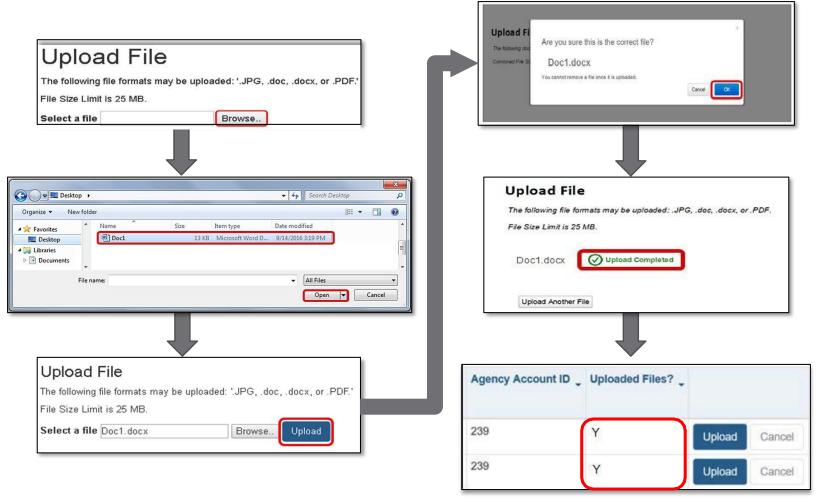
There are two ways a document be uploaded by a user in ABCS and sent to DFPS:



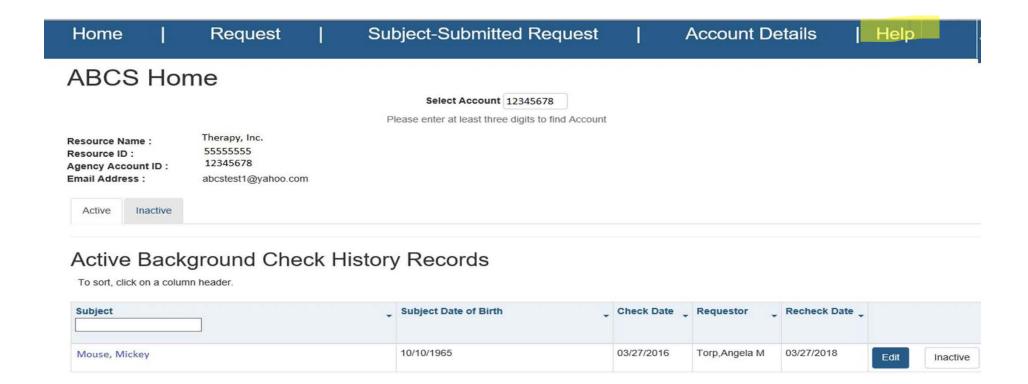
^{**}Please note: personal email settings may cause result notifications to be unclear and disable hyperlinks

Upload Document

- •Select **Browse**
- •Locate file to upload
- •Click on file to upload
- •Select **Open**
- Select Upload
- •Confirm file name being uploaded is correct and click **OK** in the confirmation window.
- Once file upload has completed, a checkmark in a green circle will display confirming file upload was successful
- DFPS will receive notification of the document(s) uploaded for evaluation



*Please note: Once a file has been uploaded, it cannot be deleted. Uploaded document file should include a brief description followed by the date the document is uploaded.



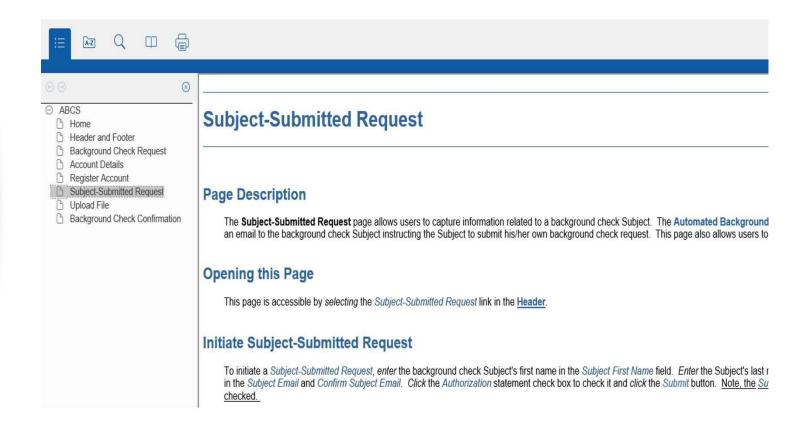
ABCS Help Page

Help: Click **Help** for descriptions of ABCS pages and functionality

ABCS Help Page

The **Help** button in ABCS will open a new window where users can search and view basic descriptions of the ABCS application and its functions.

*For detailed directions and descriptions, utilize the *ABCS User Guide*



ABCS Resources

 DFPS Background Checks (BC) website Resource documents: Requesting Access to ABCS Approving Access to ABCS ABCS User Guide 	DFPS - Automated Background Check System (ABCS) (texas.gov)
BC Mailbox	• askbc@dfps.texas.gov
BC Handbook	DFPS Background Checks Handbook (texas.gov)
DFPS Helpdesk	(877) 642-4777