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NSCHC Resource Updates

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National Service Criminal History Check Updates

On February 24, 2021, AmeriCorps announced that it published the national service criminal history check in the Federal Register. This rule was proposed and posted on January 8, 2020, and open for public comment from January 8, 2020, to March 9, 2020.

AmeriCorps wants to ensure your success as this new rule goes into effect May 1, 2021. The regulation applies to individuals who begin work or service on or after this date and who are required to complete the national service criminal history checks.

Individuals covered by the rule who started work or service prior to May 1, 2021, and who will remain in work or service after November 1, 2021, must complete a national service criminal history check that complies with the final rule by November 1, 2021.

[Review the Final Rule](#)

Grant recipients can access recorded trainings, review summary information, and FAQs regarding the national service criminal history check rule online.

AmeriCorps is also offering additional trainings and Q&A sessions to answer any additional questions on the new requirements. We encourage you to [register for a training](#) respective to your AmeriCorps program.

AmeriCorps State and National Training and Q&A Sessions:

4/29/21 at 3:00 PM ET
5/4/21 at 1:00 PM
5/6/21 at 3:00 PM

AmeriCorps Seniors Training and Q&A Sessions:

4/29/21 at 1:00 PM ET
5/4/21 at 3:00 PM
5/6/21 at 1:00 PM

AmeriCorps VISTA/DOS Training and Q&A Sessions:

4/28/21 at 3:00 PM ET
5/5/21 at 1:00 PM

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Grant recipients and sub recipients enrolling participants or starting new staff before June 1, 2021, that are unable to implement specific requirements established in the [new rule](#), may request a time-limited waiver when circumstances particular to the grant recipient and the new rule prevent timely implementation. To initiate the waiver request, email NSCHCWaiverRequest@cns.gov and complete the form provided. Waiver requests must be submitted by prime grantees and should indicate whether the recipient/sub recipient is enrolling participants/starting new staff before June 1, 2021, state which provision(s) established by the new rule the grantee is unable to meet, and include a description of why the requirement cannot be met.

If you have any additional questions, contact CHC@cns.gov.

