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Sent by email to: ashley.oberholtzer@evergreen.edu

Subject: Request for Public Records – DSHS Request ID # 202302-PRR-156

Dear Ashley Oberholtzer:

This letter responds under the Public Records Act, Ch. 42.56 RCW, to your public records request on behalf of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). We received your refined request on February 22, 2023. Please use the above request ID number when contacting us about this request. You requested the information below. We have added our responses in red beside each item.

Original Request:

Between 2020 and 2022, DCYF used a separate BCS account through DSHS's BCCU, to complete interim/in-state/NDOB background checks under "type FP" as defined in the BCS user guide. That account, used to conditionally clear caregivers, is known as the COVID account. I submitted a request similar to this last year. This is not a duplicate though. I'm checking back in to see if anything has changed.

Refined Request:

I'm requesting data from and including the date the COVID account was created (that was either in February or March 2020) until and including the date the waiver authorizing its purpose ended (01 July 2022). That should encompass all background checks processed in that account. If DCYF initiated more background checks in that account after 01 July 2022, can you describe those data separately?

BCS inquiries can have multiple status lines, because of reprints and updates, and that was not factored into the first set of queries. That has been corrected and double-checked. Not a significant difference in the total of Pending FP inquiries, but a difference nonetheless:

1/1/2020 through 6/31/2022:

- a. How many total background checks were initiated in the COVID account? **22,621**
- b. How many background checks, initiated in the COVID account, are currently still "pending fingerprints", as defined in the BCS user guide?

Interim FP Finished	119
Pending Fingerprints	4989
Pending FP Results	10
Pending Reprint	60

- c. What date was the oldest FP type inquiry, still pending fingerprints, initiated in the COVID account? **Same response: Submitted date/time: 2020-03-30 06:44 AM**
- d. How many background checks, initiated in the COVID account were "archived", as defined in the BCS user guide, without complete fingerprints? **One archived inquiry currently.**

To explain the difference between the **22,652** reported on 2/13/2023, and the **22,621** reported today; there is a constant churn of inquiries that are saved for later, withdrawn, re-submitted, and updated as more information comes in.

From 7/1/2022 to present:

- a. How many total background checks were initiated in the COVID account? **35**
- b. How many background checks, initiated in the COVID account, are currently still "pending fingerprints", as defined in the BCS user guide?

Interim FP Finished	8
Pending Fingerprints	4

- c. What date was the oldest FP type inquiry, still pending fingerprints, initiated in the COVID account? **Submitted date/time: 2022-07-05 12:56 PM**
- d. How many background checks, initiated in the COVID account were "archived", as defined in the BCS user guide, without complete fingerprints? **One archived inquiry currently.**

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This mailing completes DSHS' response to your request and public record request #202302-PRR-156 will be closed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. If you disagree with this determination, you may ask for a review under WAC 388-01-130(1) by writing to:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at theresa.pillar@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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