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# National Service Criminal History Checks 201 Advanced

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# Welcome . . .

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- Introduction of trainer and CNCS staff
- Program types represented
  - Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, SIF, NCB, 9/11, MLK
- Questions
  - As we go . . . ask clarifying questions and provide your experiences
  - Questions at the end as time permits
- We will do a small group activity



# Updated Guidance Sheets - Highlights

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- State of Residence
  - Self-identification
  - College students
- Breaks in Service (AmeriCorps / All Others)
  - Member service agreements are controlling for AmeriCorps
  - Moving between programs always requires a new check
- Alternate Search Procedure (ASP) Design
  - Content details more specific
  - Upcoming regulations create new class of ASPs
- Obtaining FBI Checks
  - State repositories now all electronic
  - Departmental Orders checks via Channelers
- Pre-existing Checks (including Rapback)
  - Importance of Rapback services
- Use of Commercial Background Check Vendors
  - Few have been approved
  - Technical analysis always required



# Exercise: Scenarios

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Each table has been assigned one scenario. Please choose a reporter for this exercise. You have 45 minutes to read the scenario, reference the guidance provided, and prepare a report for the room.

Your group's report should address an action plan to address the scenario presented including:

- What are the detailed steps one must take to be in compliance with CNCS CHC requirements?
- Are there any compliance issues that need to be resolved?
  - What are the options?
  - What is the best option to use and why?

Your report should be between 3 - 5 minutes.



# Heightened Check Regulations

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- Today's estimated timeline to publication
- Compliance actions to take once published
  - 60 - 90 days to initiate any missing part of checks
  - Accompaniment when any part of check pending
- ASPs for Exemptions (once regulations in effect)
  - Cost is prohibitive
  - Not authorized or unable under state or Federal law to access FBI checks
  - Other good cause



# Tools and Resources

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- **Visit the Resource Center**  
<http://nationalservicerresources.org/criminal-history>
  - Regulations
  - FAQs and Alerts
  - Instructions on how to request an ASP
  - Fact Sheets, e.g., FBI checks
- **ASP submission and status questions:**
  - [ASPRequests@cns.gov](mailto:ASPRequests@cns.gov)
  - Kim Hammonds  
Office of Grants Management  
[khammonds@cns.gov](mailto:khammonds@cns.gov), or 202.606.6968



# Questions?

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Wrap Up

Evaluation