## **Volunteering at Lacawac and working with children?**

The Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) requires certain individuals to obtain clearances in order to be employed, be a resource parent (foster or adoptive), or be a volunteer with children. The purpose for requiring clearances is to provide those selecting volunteers with information to use as a part of a larger decision-making process when determining whether to select them as a volunteer.

Clearances are required for an unpaid volunteer at a minimum of every 60 months from the date of the oldest clearance. Clearances may be required more frequently based on licensure or employer requirements.

Agencies and organizations must ensure that clearances are obtained in accordance with the CPSL. The required clearances include:

Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance-

https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance-

https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/Criminal-Background-Check.aspx

**FBI Criminal History Clearance-**

https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/FBI-Fingerprinting.aspx