



Church Champions Update: BCI and FBI Fingerprinting

You are so important to meeting the needs of children from hard places through our local churches. As you work to increase awareness and coordinate volunteers in your local church ministries I have an important free resource to clarify for you.

As you have volunteers trained, some will desire to be a child mentor. We have recently updated our process for obtaining background checks and FBI fingerprinting. All child mentors or Alternate caregivers need to have this done regardless of whether they have had it done through another entity like your local church. It is due to the process at the state level. One must be submitted in order to get the federal one completed.

Once your volunteer has been trained with the Fostering Family Volunteer Orientation, has committed to volunteer as a child helper or alternate caregiver and signed the confidentiality form you may call Ashland County Children's services and ask for Jen. Let her know you are scheduling a BCI and FBI fingerprinting for a volunteer of Fostering Family Ministries.

This process will allow Children's Services to process this information. They will pay for both of those checks. It should only take a week or less to get the information back.

[BCI & FBI fingerprinting process recap:](#)

1. Volunteer has been trained with the FFM Volunteer Orientation.
2. Volunteer has committed to the role of child mentor or alternate care giver.
3. Volunteer has signed the confidentiality form.

Then call Ashland County Children's Services and ask for Jen to schedule. Let her know this is a volunteer with Fostering Family Ministries and will be a child mentor or alternate care giver.

Thanks for all you do! We continue to work with our partner agencies to improve our processes.

