

Governor Wolf enacted HB 1276 into law on July 2, clarifying changes to state child abuse laws which were enacted in 2014. HB 1276 or Act 15 of 2015, clarifies requirements for volunteers to have criminal background checks and child abuse clearances. The following summarizes changes for volunteers to be aware of:

- Work Coop, work study, and internship programs, one adult supervisor must obtain the clearances to be in the child's immediate vicinity at regular intervals during the program.
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## 1. Child Abuse History Clearance

- Electronic Submission

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

Creating an account and submitting your clearance application online will give you immediate access to your results or the status of your results if your results cannot be processed immediately.

**Please print the CERTIFICATE RESPONSE sheet and email it to me.**

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## 2. PA Criminal History Report

- Electronic Submission

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

Submitting your clearance application online will give you immediate access to your results or the status of your results if your results cannot be processed immediately.

**Please print the NO RECORD OR RECORD response sheet and email it to me.**

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## Clearance Results

Copies of the clearances must be provided to the Western Area Career & Technology Center's Cooperative Education office before a student can begin employment.

**Please provide this documentation to:**

Cooperative Education Department  
Western Area Career & Technology Center  
688 Western Avenue  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
(724) 746-2890ext. 129

*The cost of each clearance is tax deductible.*