

# Criminal Background Checks for Peer Recovery Supporter (PRS) Certification

Bring this document (or a digital copy) when you go to the background check agency!

All individuals applying for PRS certification must obtain **BOTH a BCI *and* FBI criminal background check.**

## Complete Steps 1 & 2 Below:

1. Find a background check agency in your area ([CLICK HERE TO SEARCH FOR AN AGENCY NEAR YOU!](#))
2. **Have your FBI and BCI background checks sent from the agency *directly* to OhioMHAS.** Please note, background checks will only be accepted if received directly from the background check agency. Background checks ***will not*** be accepted if submitted directly by the applicant or another organization (including the applicant's employer).

## Provide the below mailing address to the background check agency:

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

ATTN: Peer Services

30 East Broad Street, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

**\*\*\* Make sure to have your background checks sent to Peer Services' attention. Background checks without "Peer Services" included in the address will not arrive! \*\*\***

## Background Check Codes:

- For BCI use: "Other: Ohio Certified Peer Recovery Supporter"
- For FBI use: "Volunteer Children's Act"

Questions: [ohiopeercertification@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:ohiopeercertification@mha.ohio.gov)