

Children's Staff Compliance Tracker System User Guide

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SECTION 1 – Staff Compliance Tracker Introduction

I. Staff Compliance Tracker Introduction

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) is required to verify provider qualifications, training, and staffing requirements (i.e., background checks) annually and report this information to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), under the terms of the 1915(c) Children's Waiver.

All Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) providers, Health Home Care Managers (HHCMs), and Children and Youth Evaluation Services (C-YES) who supplied HCBS or care management to Children's Waiver participants are required to report this information to DOH.

Beginning in Waiver Year 2022-2023, all agencies are required to report this information electronically through the Incident Reporting and Management System (IRAMS), as well as verify and confirm previous staffing information back to April 1, 2019. The IRAMS system launched a software update for the Staff Compliance Tracker to allow for the electronic reporting with availability beginning on June 19, 2023.

For directions on IRAMS access, please see the IRAMS Access Guide.

Previously, agencies were required to submit Excel files in order to report trainings and certifications that each of their staff members have completed. The Staff Compliance Tracker is pre-populated with staff compliance information, previously reported to DOH.

The Staff Compliance Tracker developed in IRAMS gives agencies the ability to edit/complete the following for new, existing, and previous staff members:

- Demographic Information
- Employment History
- Clearance Checks with date of completion
- Trainings with date of completion and justification for late completion if applicable
- Services Qualifications based on HCBS Designation List

The Staff Compliance Tracker includes requirements for both HHCM/C-YES and HCBS providers. Agencies must provide the information applicable to their provider type. This may include, but is not limited to, the date of completion for the following requirements:

- CHRC Criminal Background Check (CM/HCBS Providers)
- SCR Eligibility Verification (CM/HCBS Providers)
- Staff Exclusion List (SEL) Check (CM/HCBS Providers)
- Mandated Reporting Training (CM/HCBS Providers)
- Personal Safety/Safety in the Community Training (CM/HCBS Providers)
- Trauma-Informed Care Training (CM/HCBS Providers)
- Engagement & Outreach Training (CM)
- Person-Centered Learning Training (CM)

- LGBTQ Issues Training (CM)
- Cultural Competency/Awareness Training (CM)
- Meeting Facilitation Training (CM)
- Suicide Prevention Training (HCBS providers)
- Domestic Violence Signs and Basic Interventions Training (HCBS Providers)
- Strength-Based Approaches Training (HCBS Providers)

The Staff Compliance Tracker is available throughout the year to Human Resources/Personnel Staff to enter information as agency staffing changes and trainings occur. Effective June 1, 2024, new employees should be added to the Staff Compliance Tracker within 30 days of hire date or CHRC verification, whichever comes later. Training completion dates must be entered within 30 days from date of training. Employees that leave employment should be ended in the Staff Compliance Tracker within 30 days of employment end date.

II. Children's Staff Compliance Tracker Roles

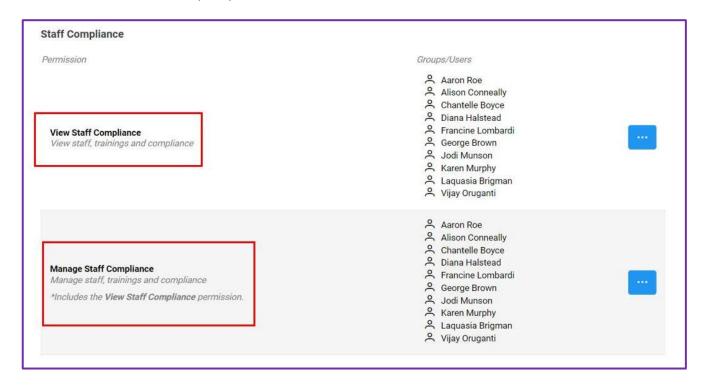
Within the Children's Staff Compliance Tracker, there are primary tools that will change the user's view and/or allow the user to edit the Tracker. Below are different permission options roles in the system:

Role	Permissions
View Staff Compliance	View Staff Compliance information
Manage Staff Compliance	View and Manage Staff Compliance; enter staff and their qualifications into the system

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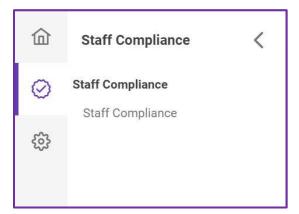
SECTION 2 – Staff Compliance Tracker Overview

A. Human Resources (HR) Personnel Permissions



Permission must be given by the agency's IRAMS Gatekeeper to their HR personnel who will be entering staff information. The Gatekeeper should give permission under 'Manage Staff Compliance' when granting permission to HR personnel. 'View Staff Compliance' permissions will mostly be utilized by DOH staff to verify and ensure agencies are meeting all requirements set forth in the Staff Compliance Tracker.

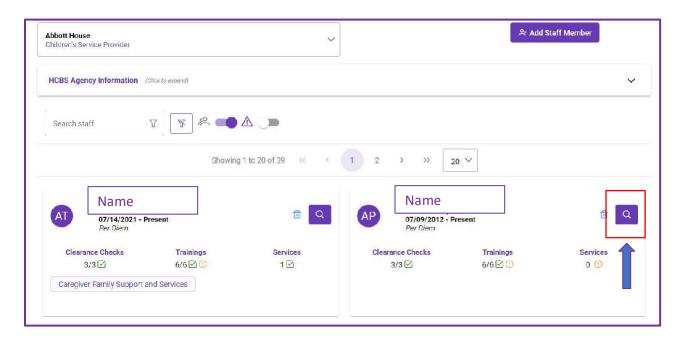
B. System Navigation



Once permission is granted, the HR personnel should log in and select 'Staff Compliance' to enter staff information, clearance checks, trainings, and services.

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C. Add Missing Staff Information for Previous Staff System Navigation

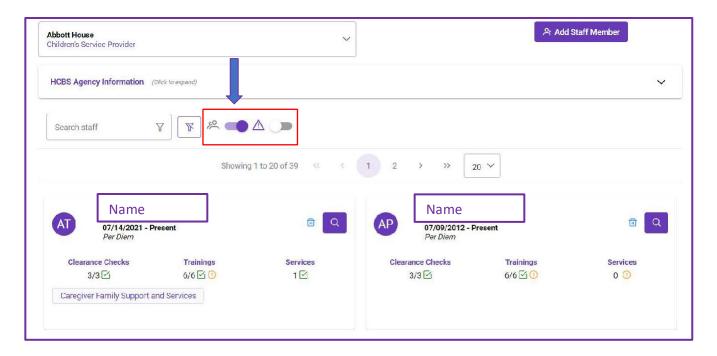


If an agency provided Staff Qualifications on an Excel spreadsheet that was submitted to DOH prior to 2023, the current and previous staff information will be preloaded in the system. Each staff member's record can be accessed and any information that is missing can be added by clicking on the magnifying glass.

Agencies that did not respond to previous requests for staffing information will have to enter information about their staff who are still employed to demonstrate compliance with Children's Waiver requirements.

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D. Filters

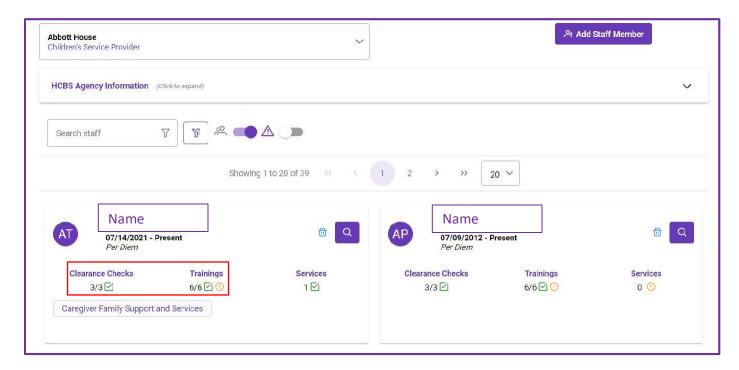


The toggle bar (indicated in the red box above) can be used to filter by previously listed staff. Turning off the filter will remove previous staff who were automatically uploaded to the system.

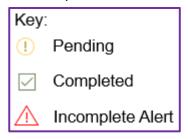
The sliding bar next to the _____ icon can be used to filter by staff with remaining and/or pending clearance checks, trainings, and services that have not yet been completed.

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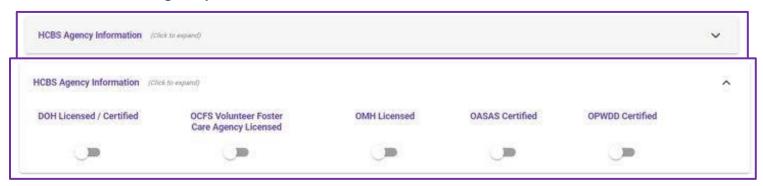
E. Alerts for Completion



Icon alerts for Clearance Checks, Trainings, and Services will be included below each category. Each check will indicate how many clearance checks, trainings, or services have been completed, are pending, or are incomplete.



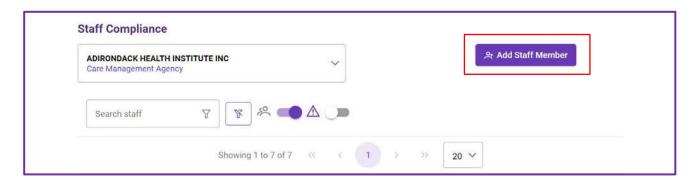
F. Add HCBS Agency Information



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In order to fulfil the requirement of indicating if an agency is licensed and/or certified under any of the listed State Agencies, the 'HCBS Agency Information' dropdown must be expanded by toggling the buttons (above) on or off.

G. Add Information for New Staff



To add a new staff member, HR personnel should click the button labeled 'Add Staff Member'.

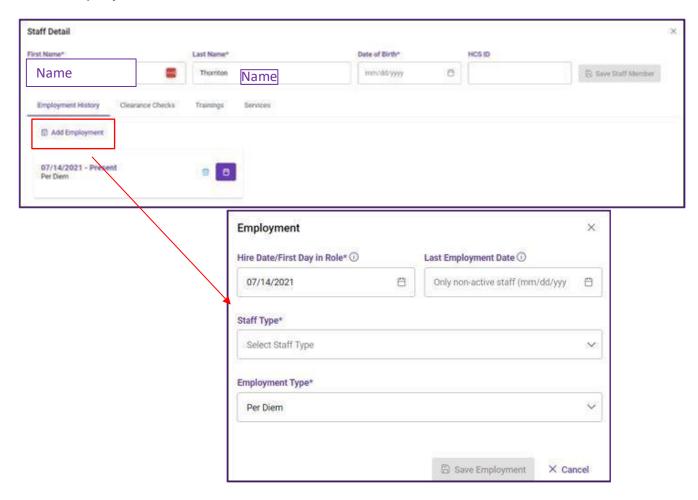
H. Add Demographic Information for New Staff



Demographic information including name, date of birth, HCS ID (if applicable), and employment history can be added for new staff in the Staff Compliance Tracker. Name and date of birth are required in order to save a new staff member. HCS ID is optional, but should in included anytime an HCBS staff member has an assigned HCS ID.

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I. Add Employment Information

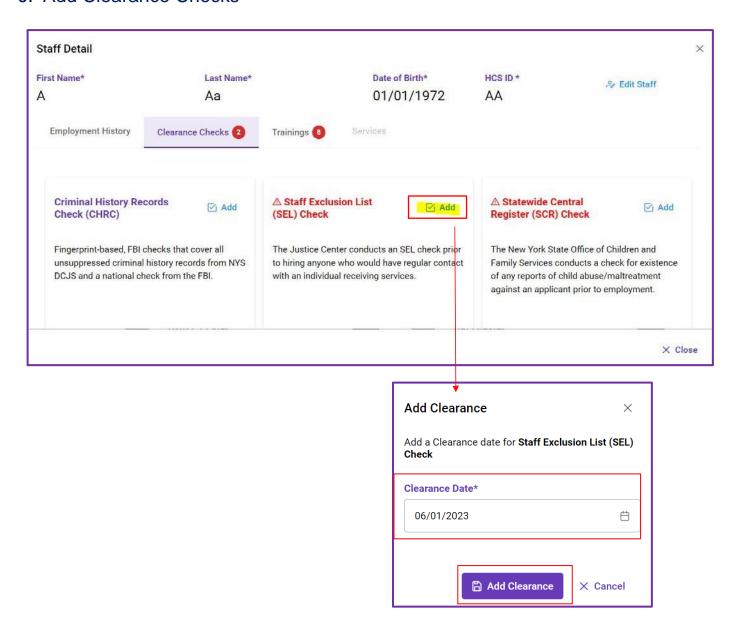


HR personnel have the ability to add employment information by clicking 'Add Employment' when editing or adding a staff member's information. If the staff member was pre-loaded, their date of hire must be verified, and the new staff must have their date of hire listed when they are added. Additionally, 'Staff Type' (Employee or Subcontract) and 'Employment Type' (Per Diem, Full-Time, or Part-Time) must be selected.

Note: Clearance Checks, Trainings, and Service tabs may not be completed until Employment information has been added to the system.

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J. Add Clearance Checks

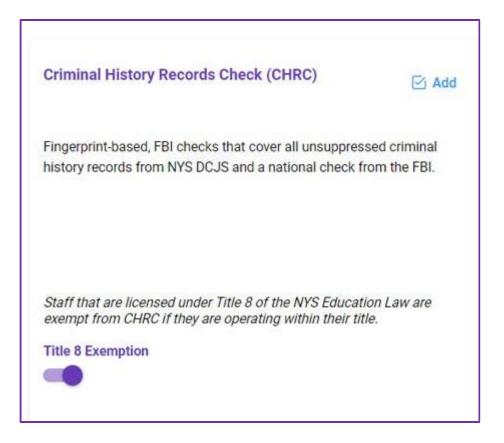


To add Clearance Checks, HR personnel should click the 'Add Clearance' button next to each type of clearance check that needs to be confirmed. The date the clearance check was completed under 'Clearance Date' should be added, and once clicked, the 'Add Clearance' button will save the Clearance Check into the system.

For more information on clearance checks, please reference the <u>Criminal History Record</u> Check policy.

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K. Title 8 Exemption for Clearance Checks



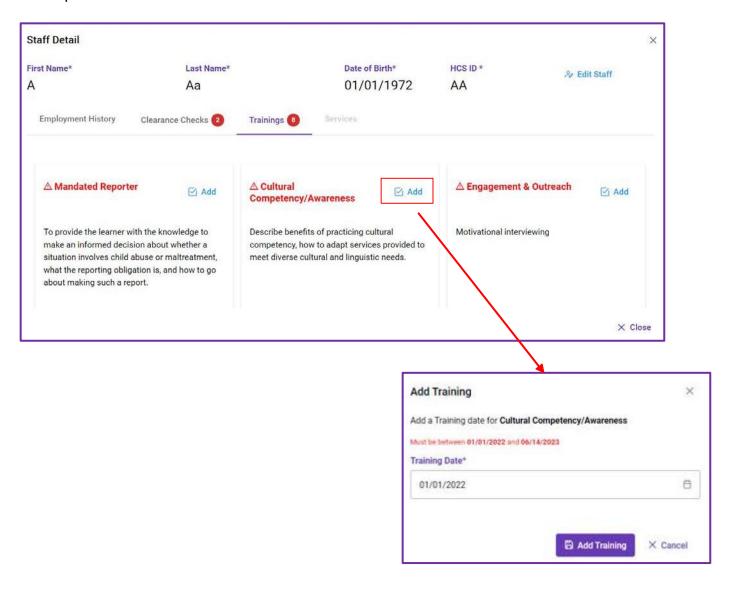
The Title 8 Exemption toggle should **only** be turned on for staff that are licensed under <u>Title 8</u> of the NYS Education Law and are operating within their title to be considered exempt from the Criminal History Records Check (CHRC).

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L. Add Training Information

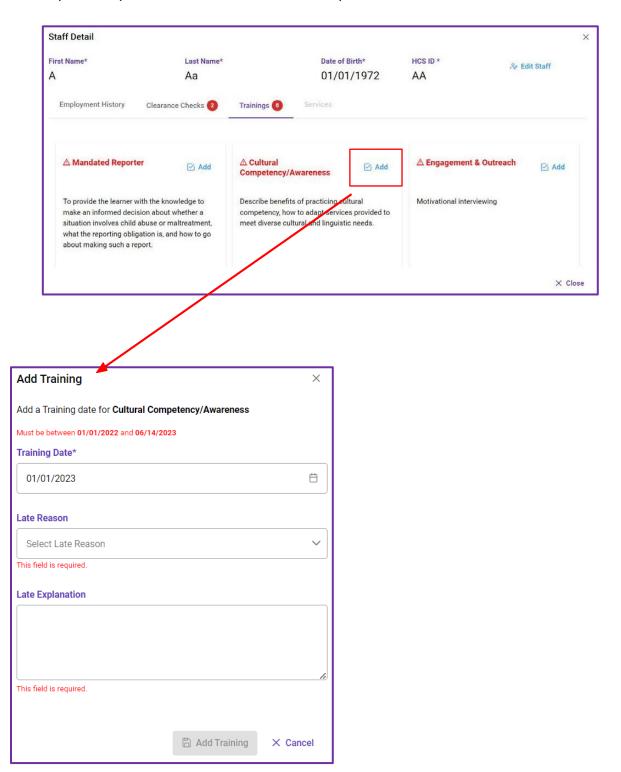
To add completion dates of all required trainings, HR personnel should click the 'Add' button next to each required training. The date the training was completed under 'Training Date' should be added and once clicked, the 'Add Training' button will save the Training information into the system.

Trainings that still need to be added and/or completed will appear in red text. A number will also appear next to the 'Trainings' tab, indicating the number of trainings that still need to be completed.

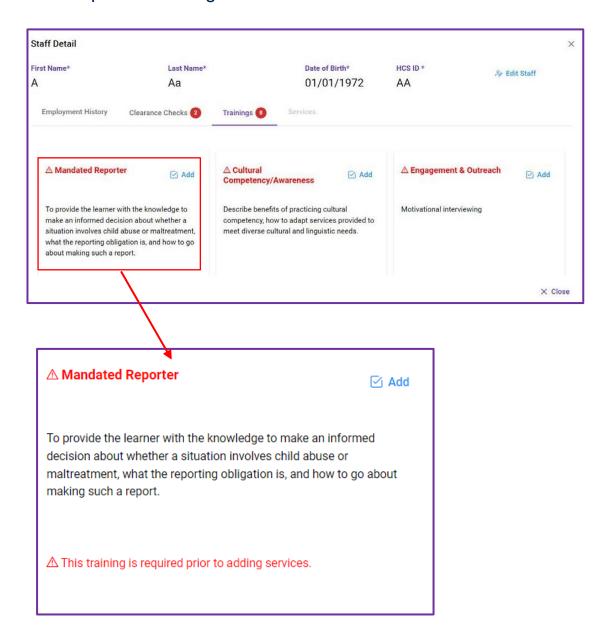


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If the completion of the Training is indicated as late in the system, a reason must be provided from the dropdown options as well as a narrative explanation.



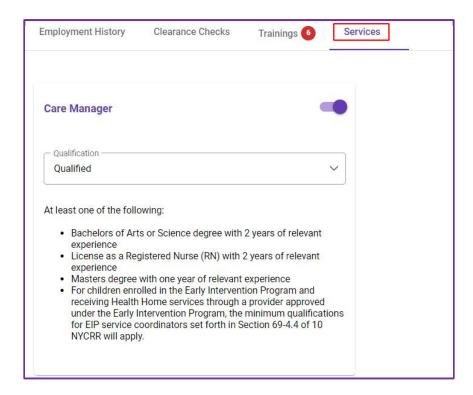
M. Mandated Reporter Training



All clearance checks and the Mandated Reporter Training must be completed before an agency is able to access the 'Services' Tab.

In alignment with Training Requirements, dates for Mandated Reporter Training completion must be no earlier than one (1) year prior to the reported employment start date.

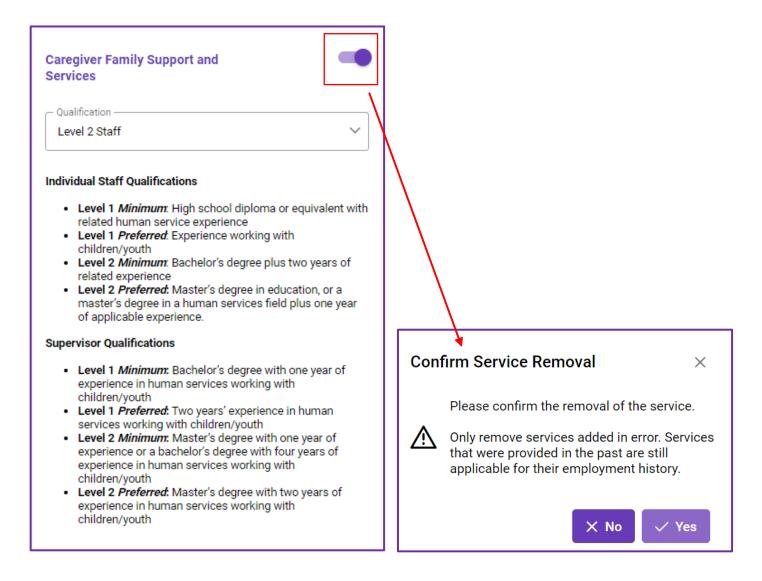
N. Add Service Qualification Information



Under the 'Services' tab, HR personnel will use the toggle switch to indicate what service(s) each staff provides. The toggle switch can be moved to the right to turn it "On". For each service a staff member provides, HR personnel must choose from the dropdown under 'Qualification' in order to list which qualifications the staff member has that allows them to provide each service.

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O. Removal of Services



Agencies can remove a service that appears under a staff member's 'Service' tab by using the toggle to turn the service off. When turning a service off, a 'Confirm Service Removal' pop up will appear. Services that only appear in error should be removed. Services that were provided in the past are still applicable for their employment history and should remain under the 'Service' tab.

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APPENDIX

Appendix A: Technical Assistance

If your account does not have the correct permissions, or if you get locked out, please contact Commerce Account Management Unit (CAMU) at camusupp@health.ny.gov

Please note this is NOT a helpline, this is a technical support service.

Click here for a guide on how to create an HCS account.

Reach out to your agency's coordinator to create an account for you.

Note: You must log in to HCS once created to make your account active.

How to Access IRAMS

IRAMS access: https://increp.health.ny.gov/

Behavioral Health Mailbox: BH.Transition@health.ny.gov

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