

**Instructions for Completing Background Clearances for Barnabas Mentors**

Welcome to the Joy El Generation Barnabas Mentor Program!

As you prepare for the coming years in the Barnabas Program, there are a few items that you need to take care of as quickly as possible. Please note, ***these clearances are acceptable for 5 years and can be used in other ministry contexts as well.***

There are 3 background checks that are required by the state of Pennsylvania for anyone working with children. Below are the general instructions for each site in order to complete this process. *Please note that two of the three clearances are of no charge. Only the FBI Fingerprinting has a fee.*

**You must complete:**

1. PA Child Abuse History Clearance
2. PA State Police Criminal Record Check

3. FBI Federal Criminal History Clearance and Fingerprinting (if residing out of state) **OR** complete a PA Residency Affidavit indicating you have been a continuous resident of Pennsylvania for the past 10 years.

Note: If you already have copies of the above clearances dated January 1, 2017 or more recent, please provide copies to Joy El. We ask that you pay the fees associated with the FBI Clearance and then submit all clearances (or copies) to:

Joy El Generation

Attn: 4.12 Leadership Training Program

3741 Joy El Drive

Greencastle, PA 17225

**If you have questions anytime throughout this process, you are welcome to contact Rachel Shively, 4.12 Director, at** [rachel@joyel.org](mailto:rachel@joyel.org) **for assistance.**

1. **ACT 151 (CY113) (Child Abuse History Clearance) – no fee after July 25, 2015**

Please complete the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance request form online using the following directions. If you have questions, please contact Childline Verification Unit at 717-783-6211 or

1-877-371-5422.

**Information You Will Need**

Before you start, you should have the following information readily available to help you complete your application:

* Addresses where you have previously lived since 1975
* Names of all individuals with whom you have lived since 1975 to include parents, guardians, siblings, spouses, etc.
* Any previous names you have used or have been known by

Go to<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis>

Click on <create an individual account>

Click on <next> and type information. This includes creating a Keystone ID which is similar to a username.

*Record this Keystone ID for later use*, both now and in the future when you enter this website again.

Choose and answer 3 security questions as required by the site.

You will be sent a temporary password via email. It says to click on <close window> to exit, but that did not

work for me. I had to exit out of the website entirely.

Go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis>

Click on <individual login>.

Click on <access my clearances>. You will need to type in the Keystone ID you just created.

Go to the bottom and click on <continue>

<Log in> with your temporary password that they emailed to you.

Create a new permanent password.

You will be sent out to log in again using your permanent password.

Now you are ready to go to the application.

My Child Welfare Account Terms and Conditions

Click on <I have read, ….>.

Go to the bottom and click on <next>.

CREATE CLEARANCE APPLICATION

### DIRECTIONS TO COMPLETE THE PENNSYLVANIA CHILD ABUSE HISTORY CLEARANCE APPLICATION:

### 1. Applicants are to complete Section I only which is what you will see on your screen.

### 2. Purpose of Clearance – Do not check more than one block:

If a Joy El volunteer, check:

**Volunteer: Volunteer having contact with children**

**Volunteer Category – other, Agency: Joy El Generation**

### 3. The applicant’s Social Security number is voluntary. If filling in the Social Security number please fill in the entire Social Security number.

### 4. Previous Names/Nicknames The space for the applicant’s name must be the applicant’s full legal name. An

### initial is not acceptable for a first name.

### Previous Names Used Since 1975 - The applicant must list any and all full legal names that they have ever had

### since 1975. This includes maiden names, aliases and also known as (aka) names.

Click on <box with a plus in it> to ADD PREVIOUS NAMES/NICKNAMES.

5. Contact Information (phone number)

Click on <box with a plus in it> to ADD CONTACT INFORMATION.

6. Current Address

### Type information. The address listed must be applicant’s current home address. This is also where the results of the clearance will be mailed or emailed to your email address.

### Please check yes to receive a paper version of certificate.

Would you also like to have a paper version of the certificate sent to your home or mailing address?(required)

 Yes  No

#### 7. Add Previous Address

If you can not remember the entire address, please enter as much information as possible.

Previous Addresses Since 1975 - List all addresses where the applicant has resided since 1975**.**

Click on <box with a plus in it> to ADD PREVIOUS ADDRESS (ES).

You will need to do this for each address.

#### 8. Household Member Information

### Household Members - Include anyone that the applicant lived with since 1975 (parents, guardians, siblings,

### children, spouse (ex), paramour, friends, etc.). If the applicant was under the age of 18 in 1975 this section must include other household members who lived with the applicant or with whom the applicant lived. Please note the household member’s relationship to the applicant, their age (to the best of your knowledge) and their gender.

### Applications where this section is left blank will be rejected and returned to the applicant.

### Click on <box with a plus in it> to ADD HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

### Please note:

### For siblings or individuals you lived with when they were single, but they are now married, use their

### married name.

### You must have a parent or guardian listed, even if both are deceased.

If deceased, just add their name and other information, but for age leave that blank.

Click <Add> at the end of each addition.

9. eSignature

### Applications must be electronically signed. Applications that are not signed will be rejected and returned to the applicant.

**You are almost finished!** To complete your application please eSign below by checking the acknowledgement

and entering your **first and last name** as it appears on the Application Information screen.

* I hereby certify that the information entered on this report is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and submitted as true and correct under penalty of law (Section 4904 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code).(required)
* Signature (required)

Click box “As a volunteer applicant …fee waived…”

Write down Clearance ID# for your records.

Print copies of your clearance certificate and give a copy to Joy El’s Bible Adventure Administrative Assistant. You may be able to print the certificate immediately, or it may be emailed to you, or you may need to go back onto their website at a later date to your account and print your certificate.

**2. ACT 34 (SP4-164) (PA State Police Criminal Record Check) - no fee after July 25, 2015**

Ideally you can complete and submit your form online which we recommend. If you have questions, call 717-783-9973 or 1-888-783-7972. See instructions that follow.

You can complete the information online at <https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

Click on <New Record Check (Volunteers only)>, and then accept the terms and conditions.

Organization: **Joy El Generation** Phone Number: **717-369-4539**

“Personal information screen” is the person requesting the background check (which is you). The reason for

request is church. Enter your name, address and phone number. Click next.

Verify the information is all correct and spelled correctly, then click proceed.

The “Record Check Request Form” screen is your personal information; you are only required to enter your

first and last name, your social security number, and your date of birth. Then click “enter this request.” Click “finished.”

On “Record Check Request Review” screen, verify information is correct, then click “submit.”

After the record check is completed on the “Record Check Request Results” screen, click on the control number next to your name. (If the results say “request under review,” please contact Joy El for instructions, but still follow the rest of these steps.)

Click on the “Certification Form” button and **print at least 4 copies** of the **results page** with the state seal

watermark.

Click on the word “back” in the upper right corner of the page. You may now exit the website.

One copy of the certification form must be given to Rachel (rachel@joyel.org), the others you can keep for future reference if needed.

1. **Act 114** **FBI Federal Criminal History Clearance- Fingerprinting ($23.25 for volunteer)**

**\*\*\*\*If you have been a resident of Pennsylvania for 10 consecutive years, you only need to fill out a PA Residency Affidavit form. You do not need to get the FBI Clearance. PLEASE STILL SUBMIT THE SIGNED FORM.**

**\*\*\*\*Please know that fingerprinting appointments for this clearance are NOT ONLY offered in PA. When you go onto the Identogo website you will be able to search your zip code to find the nearest location to you in the country. You MUST schedule through Identogo to get the FBI fingerprinting. Many places may offer fingerprinting but not all are for the FBI clearance.**

Go to: <https://uenroll.identogo.com/>

**You must fill out the application online before going to get your fingerprints done.**

* On the first page enter the service code: 1KG756
  + This is the code that best fits the Barnabas Program.
* On the next page click “Schedule or Manage Appointment.”
* Fill out the form as you are directed. See below for special tab information to include.

Employer Information- Joy El Camps and Retreats; 3741 Joy El Drive Greencastle, PA 17225

Personal Questions- List Joy El as your mailing address to ensure the fingerprint results will reach Joy El by mail.

Documents- Please select the document you will be certain you can bring with you to the finger printing station.

Location- On the final page type in your zip code to find fingerprinting service centers near you and schedule an appointment at the location you would like.

Date and Time- Set up your exact appointment time or choose (Walk In) to go at any time. If you have trouble finding a location near you, please use this link to search: **https://www.identogo.com/locations**

* + Once finger registration is complete go to the nearest finger printing station to have your finger prints completed. NO CASH ALLOWED. You must pay using a card.
* On the confirmation screen of your appointment and pre-enrollment, *print at least 3 copies*, 1 copy for yourself, one for Joy El so we know you registered, and take the 3rd one with you to the fingerprinting site when you go for your scheduled appointment.

**Once Fingerprinting is complete:** send a copy of your “Appointment Email Confirmation”, “Fingerprinting Receipt”, and the copy of your clearance when you receive it. The copy of the clearance results you will receive by mail is an “official” copy for your records. You **MUST** turn in a copy of this document to Joy El as soon as you receive it.

If you have not received it in 2 weeks, please call the Department of Public Welfare (855-845-7434).

**Copies of each document are to be sent to** [**rachel@joyel.org**](mailto:rachel@joyel.org) **once received. We advise you keep copies for yourself as well. Thank you so much and we are so excited to have you as part of the Barnabas Program!**