PA Act 153 – Clearance Updates

As you may or may not be aware, PA Act 153 of 2014 went into effect January 1, 2015. The new law requires that anyone in a paid or voluntary position that is responsible for the welfare of a child or has direct contact with children will need to have clearances through the state. This applies to all WAYFC board members, directors, coaches and team moms. Below is the information for each of the clearances that will be required including cost and how to obtain them.

PA Act 151 – Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance

All volunteers listed above will be required to obtain this. The cost for this clearance is $10 and it can be obtained online: www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

PA Act 34 – Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check

All volunteers listed above will be required to obtain this. The cost for this clearance is $10 and it can be obtained online: https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp

PA Act 114 – Federal Background (fingerprint) Check

Any volunteer listed above who has lived outside of Pennsylvania at any time within the last 10 years will be required to be fingerprinted. The cost of this is $27.50 through the Department of Human Services or $28.75 through the Department of Education. For **our** purposes the ones through the Department of Human Services are sufficient. More information is available online: https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index.htm

For any volunteer listed above who has lived within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania *continuously* for the past 10 years, you will be required to sign off on the Residency Verification Form (see attached).

Please note that in addition to providing WAYFC a copy of all clearances, you will also be required to show the originals before the copies can be accepted. This is state law. Additionally, clearances are only valid for 3 years from the date of issue. Clearances issued prior to January 1, 2013 will not be accepted by WAYFC. Clearances issued January 1, 2013 or after will be valid for 3 years from that date.