

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006

- **Law took effect on October 1, 2006**
- **CAF Child Welfare rules and policies will be updated to reflect Adam Walsh Act requirements.**
- **Because the Oregon Legislature previously took advantage of a limited “opt-out” provision contained in ASFA, we are permitted to delay implementation of some of the Adam Walsh Act requirements until October 1, 2008.**
- **The law does not permit Oregon to delay compliance with the following requirements in the Adam Walsh Act, and these will be implemented with the new certification rules:**
 - **A child abuse history check must be run and documented for all foster/adoptive applicants and all other adults living in a prospective foster/adoptive home before a family can be foster certified or approved for adoption.**
 - **The child abuse history check must include a documented check of the child abuse records of any other state that an applicant or other adult in the home has lived in within the past five years.**
 - **DHS must provide child abuse history information whenever such information is requested by an entity in another state for the purpose of running a background check on a foster/adoptive applicant or another adult in the home of a prospective foster/adoptive family.**