



Mandatory Background Check

Threshold Passages, Inc. (TPI) has arranged for *SearchLink, LLC*, to conduct our background checks in Colorado and nationwide for all who volunteer for the *Journey to Manhood* (J2M) and *Journey to Womanhood* (J2W) programs. ANYONE who has not completed both Colorado and nationwide background checks will NOT be permitted to participate in the programs except under prearranged circumstances, such as a visit on designated "open" group meetings, events or trainings. **Background checks must be renewed every 3 years.**

Please complete the Investigation Release and Consent Form (attached) to perform the search. Please read, print out, and sign this form, providing the information requested. Most searches take 10-14 working days to complete. You will receive a copy of your search results by email or U.S. mail as per your request circled on the bottom of the **Investigation Release and Consent Form**.

FEE for first background check (valid for 3 years) is **\$40.00**
FEE for renewals is **\$30.00**

Make checks payable to **Threshold Passages, Inc.**, or pay online at:
<http://www.thresholdpassages.org/Mentor.php>

For *fastest* processing of your form, scan your printed, hand-completed form and then **email** to the Background Check Coordinator at: cirish@thresholdpassages.org

Otherwise, please **mail** to: Threshold Passages, Inc.
Background Check Coordinator
P.O. Box 270895
Littleton, CO 80127

The State and National Background Search Process

Searchlink, LLC, enters your information into their background check system. The system yields the addresses at which you have lived during the past ten years. Crimes, credit, and other information will be reported to us. A copy of your results will be sent to you via email or mail as per your request. We understand that this information is private and will be treated confidentially.

A personal note: Most of us have a history of mistakes in our lives, and part of what we model for youth is that we are all imperfect people doing our best to live life in a healthy and responsible way while confronting and learning from our struggles. Prior convictions for drug offenses, DUI, tax delinquency, etc., will most likely not exclude you from TPI. On the other hand, a history of violence, threatened violence, and sexual perpetration will almost certainly prevent you from being allowed to participate. Other convictions may raise concerns that we may ask you about.

We appreciate that it takes guts to open one's "past files" for this purpose. And we care about your privacy. We also hope that you'll agree that the effort is worth it in order to ensure safety and a positive experience for youth in the programs.

Thanks for helping us make our programs safe!

