The National Forum for Background Checks (the Forum) is currently inviting all interested States to participate. There are two levels of participation:

1. Each State will designate a "State delegate." Each State will have one delegate who will be the person to participate in Forum business meetings, and have a voice (vote) regarding forum decisions. Typically (but not necessarily) that person will be an employee of a State agency that performs or oversees screening of individuals who work with vulnerable populations (elderly, disabled, and/or children). The State delegate will receive invitations to Forum business and status meetings, and will have an opportunity to join in the work of the forum. Unless designated otherwise, the first participant to register from a State will be the State delegate. If the delegate is not available, an alternate may be selected, either on a one-time or permanent basis.

2. States may request that others be added to the forum mailing list as a "State participant". They will need to be requested by the State delegate and can include partner agencies. Please send the email addresses. For the time being, we are limiting each State to a maximum of 5 State Participants.

3. How to participate: 3 simple steps:

Step 1. Send email to backgroundcheckforum@gmail.com requesting to join. If you have other participants, send their email addresses too.

Step2. You will receive an email invitation to join backgroundchecksforum@googlegroups.com. Click to "accept this invitation". If you do not receive the email invitation, please check your spam and junk folders. If you have trouble accepting the invitation, please reply to this email and describe the issue. Once you have accepted, the other State participants in your State will receive invitations also.

Step 3: You will receive access to the forum pages on the new bgcheckinfo website.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please send email to backgroundcheckforum@gmail.com.