

Responsible Individuals List (RIL)

In May 2006, the Responsible Individuals List (RIL) was created in response to federal requirements under the Child Abuse and Treatment Act to develop a child abuse registry that was accessible by employers, to assess the fitness of individuals to provide care to children. Providers of child care/foster care were identified as authorized users of the Responsible Individuals List. In March 2010, the NC court of appeals issued an opinion finding the statutes governing the procedures used to place an individuals name on the RIL violated the NC constitution. Now the RIL Statutes are appropriate and the list is accessible.

Operators can conduct a check of new or existing employees using the Responsible Individuals List of abuse and serious neglect cases. The RIL is used to identify parents, guardians, caretakers, or custodians that have been identified as responsible individuals in substantiated cases of abuse or serious neglect. Information from the RIL is available only to authorized persons for the sole purpose of determining current or prospective employment or fitness to provide care for children. The [form to request information from the RIL](#) is attached. The new or existing employee does have to sign this form to allow the information to be released to the operator. In addition, the [letter from the Child Welfare Services Section Chief regarding RIL procedures](#) is attached.