The Central Registry is a statewide database that maintains records of perpetrators of confirmed abuse and neglect in South Carolina. DSS acts as a statewide clearinghouse for agencies and businesses inquiring if prospective or current employees have a record of abuse and/or neglect.

* “Non-Profit” includes group homes, child placing agencies (most are non-profit, although a few are for profit), and GAL (until pulled out FY 11-12)
** “For Profit” includes business and some child placing agencies.
*** “State Agencies” includes DSS as well as all other State Agencies
**** “Schools” includes requests for teachers as well as volunteers; began charging fees 9/20/2004, with fee change effective 7/1/2008, per State Budget.
+ “Out-of-State” were not calculated as separate group during FY 10-11 and FY 11-12.
++ “GAL” (Guardian ad Litem) was not counted as a separate group until FY 11-12; up until then, they were included in the count for “Non-Profits.”

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