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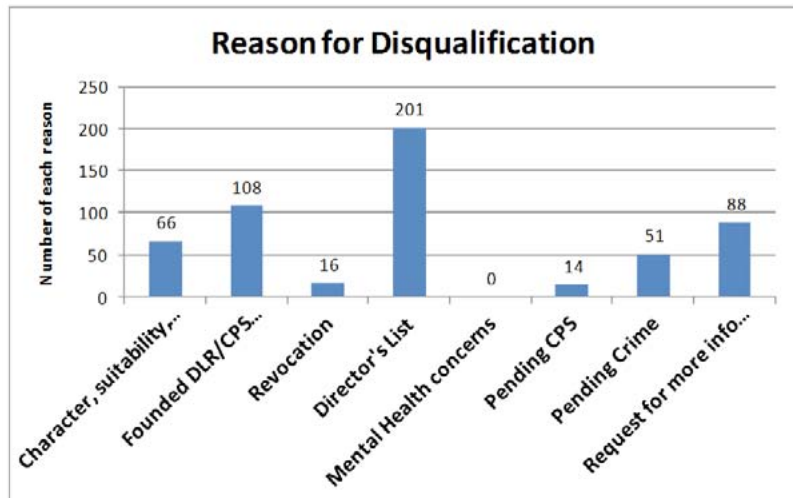
State Fiscal Year 2011

- 37,158 background checks
- 544 disqualifications (1.46 percent of total applications)
- 92 reconsideration requests, 37 approved

DEL is required to conduct background checks of applicant for employment in any child care facility licensed or regulated under current law (RCW 43.21.010(4)(d)(iii)), as well as character, suitability and competence determinations (RCW 43.215.215). DEL background check rules (WAC 170-06) are used in conducting background checks, disqualifying individuals, and in reconsidering decision to disqualify. The Director's List is a list of offenses that disqualify an individual from working in child care.

Disqualifications

During state fiscal year 2011, **disqualifications** maintained a consistent level at **1.46 percent**. DEL disqualified only 544 individuals of the 37,158 applications DEL reviewed for unsupervised access to children.



Reconsiderations

DEL WAC contains a provision for disqualified individuals to request reconsideration. WAC 170-06-0070 states: "If an applicant who has been disqualified can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that he or she has the character, suitability and competence to care for or have unsupervised access to children in child care, the department may consider authorizing the applicant to care for or have unsupervised access to children in child care."

The three Service Area Managers are the director's designees for decisions regarding consideration decisions. Reconsideration decisions are at the discretion of DEL and are therefore not subject administrative hearing appeal.

In state fiscal year 2011, there were 92 requests for reconsideration. DEL approved 40 percent of them and denied 60 percent.