



**National Service Criminal History Checks (NSCHC)
Common Terminology & Definition Guide**

In order to provide clearer guidance to AmeriCorps*Texas grantees, OneStar staff will adopt the following common terminology and definitions to use in all communications, materials, and instructions, starting in 2012:

Term	Abbreviation/ Shorthand	Definition	Previous names/ terms this is replacing
National Service Criminal History Check	NSCHC	An umbrella term that refers to any and all checks that are required of national service participants by federal law. Note: this definition may change over time as federal requirements are updated.	“Criminal history check” (CHC) “Criminal background check” (CBC) “Crime records check” (CRC)
National Sex Offender Public Website Check	NSOPW check	Refers to the nationwide name-based search using the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) coordinated by the U.S. Department of Justice (www.nsopw.gov). This check must be performed using this exact website before start of service/work and any results must be printed out in the member file to document that check was conducted and results were reviewed.	“National Sex Offender Public Registry” (NSOPR)
Statewide Repository Check	Statewide check	Refers to a name- or finger-print based check that must be done using designated statewide repositories (available at http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/files/table-of-designated-state-repositories-and-alternatives-11-29-11.pdf), unless program has an approved Alternate Search Protocol for an alternate vendor/source). This check must be run in both: 1) the state where the member “resides” at time of application; and 2) the state where the member will work or serve.	“State Check” “Repository Check”
FBI fingerprint-based Repository Check	FBI check	Refers to a nationwide, finger-print based check that must be done by an official FBI vendor (such as a state repository) or channeler that uses the FBI’s nationwide criminal history database (http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks).	“FBI Identification Record” “Criminal History Record Information” (CHRI)