



## NYS OCFS On-Line Clearance System (OCS)

**Business Problem:** *The business problem faced by the Agency was the timely, costly and labor-intensive process associated with completing State Central Registry (SCR) child abuse clearance database checks. Organizations that work closely with children need their employees to be vetted against the SCR database of abuse. The organization submits details of identification on a form to clear individuals. The form must detail several years' worth of demographic information that is used to identify/validate individuals and associated individuals in their residences including address history.*

**Solution:** *An On-line Clearance System (OCS) - A web application developed in VB.NET using Oracle data store.*

**Benefits:** *OCS greatly speeds the submission process of the clearance and provides for a more rapid response of the clearance results to local districts.*

- Verifies that the organization submitting the request is approved to submit clearances.
- Eliminates illegibility issues inherent with the handwritten forms.
- Eliminates postal costs.
- Eliminates the need for redundant data entry of form content at the SCR.
- Significantly reduces paper-handling and overtime costs.
- Allows agencies to monitor the status of requests submitted without contacting SCR staff.
- Provides an on-line capability to capture all the demographic information needed to undertake the clearance, and
- Provides edits including date and address validation to eliminate errors and the subsequent need for correction send backs.