

September 13, 2013

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature  
P.O. Box 94604  
State Capital 2018  
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Annual Report-Waiver of Training Requirements for Relative Foster Care

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

This report is to comply with the requirement of Nebraska Revised Statutes 71-1904 for an annual report to the Legislature by September 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the waiver of training requirements for relative foster care. The Statute specifically requires the Department to report the number of waivers granted and the total number of children placed in relative foster homes.

During the State Fiscal Year 2013, the Department of Health and Human Services had 99 licensed relative foster homes. Of the 99 homes, 91 of them had a training waiver. Of the 91 waiver homes, 59 of the waivers were granted during the state fiscal year. There were a total of 163 children placed in relative foster homes with a training waiver. During the Fiscal Year 2013, there were 2,343 children who were in placement with relatives in either an approved or licensed home.

Please contact me if there are any questions about the information provided to comply with the reporting requirement of NRS 71-1904. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kerry Winterer  
Chief Executive Officer  
Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Thomas D. Pristow, Director  
Division of Children and Family Services