

September 15, 2014

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
State Capitol 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 15th 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 2014 (SFY 2014), the Department of Health and Human Services had 188 licensed relative foster homes. Of the 188 homes, 74 of those homes became licensed during SFY 2014. Of the 188 homes, 168 had a waiver of training granted. Of the 168 homes with a training waiver, 65 of those waivers were granted during SFY 2014.

During the SFY 2014, there were a total of 2,347 children who were in placement with relatives in either an approved or licensed home. Of the 2,347 children, 128 children were placed in relative foster homes with a training waiver during SFY2014.

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 T. Winterer
Chief Executive Officer
Department of Health and Human Services

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