

January 8, 2016

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 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 calendar year 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services had 144 licensed relative foster homes. Of the 144 homes, 71 of them had a training waiver granted in 2015. There were a total of 165 children placed in relative foster homes with a training waiver. During the calendar year 2015, there were 2,669 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,



Douglas J. Weinberg, Director
Division of Children and Family Services
Department of Health and Human Services