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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

December 22, 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 last 11 months of calendar year 2016, the Department of Health and Human Services had 159 licensed relative foster homes. Of those, 60 had a new training waiver granted in 2016. There were a total of 185 children placed in relative foster homes with a training waiver. During the calendar year 2016, there were 2,814 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.

Sincerely,

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