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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative MacGregor:

This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS') Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Act, PA 252 of 2014, Article X, Section 514. This section requires that DHS submit a report on Children's Protective Services (CPS) statistical data, including significant CPS policy changes and court decisions implemented in the preceding fiscal year.

Due to the DHS conversion from the Services Worker Support System (SWSS) to Michigan's State Automated Child Welfare Information System (MiSACWIS) on April 30, 2014, the data provided in this report is potentially incomplete. The reporting capacity from MiSACWIS will improve over time as DHS refines data reports and users grow accustomed to the enhance data entry requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacie Bladen, Children's Services Administration deputy director, at (517) 373-8626.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Children's Protective Services 2014 Comprehensive Report
cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
State Budget Director
Senate and House Policy Offices

Children's Protective Services
2014 Comprehensive Report

This comprehensive report provides Children's Protective Services statistical information pursuant to section 514 of PA 252 of 2014.

PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514(a) *(i)*
There were 83,709 total reports of abuse or neglect assigned for investigation in FY 2014 under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638. There were 80,117 total cases disposed in FY 2014.

Disposed Cases and Classifications	
Category I	4,494
Category II	6,075
Category III	10,480
Category IV	55,348
Category V	3,606
No Category	114
Total	**80,117**

* Disparity in case disposition totals and investigation totals are the result of case report carry-overs from the previous fiscal year.

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PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514(a) *(ii)*

Characteristics of perpetrators of abuse or neglect and the child victims:

In FY 2014, 49% of all victims were female, 48.8% male; 58.1% of all victims were White, 29.3% were Black, 2.1% were a combination of American Indian, Asian, Native Hawaiian; 10.5% were unable to determine; and 38% of all victims were age three and under. There can be more than one victim per case; therefore the victim data will not necessarily match up to the case disposition data.

FY 2014 Victims of Abuse/Neglect by Race and Gender (age 3 and under)							
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian	Unable to determine	Grand Total
Female	2,775	1,728	95	15	4	911	5,528
Male	2,916	1,863	88	14	2	1,108	5,991
Unable to Determine	114	63	3	1	0	74	255
Grand Total	**5,805**	**3,654**	**186**	**30**	**6**	**2,093**	**11,774**

FY 2014 Victims of Abuse/Neglect by Race and Gender (age 4 and above)							
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian	Unable to determine	Grand Total
Female	6,202	2,801	171	45	6	476	9,701
Male	5,871	2,540	151	49	7	496	9,114
Unable to Determine	105	66	1	2	0	190	364
Grand Total	**12,178**	**5,407**	**323**	**96**	**13**	**1,162**	**19,179**

Perpetrators of Abuse/Neglect*	
Description by relation to victim	**Total**
Adoptive Parent	343
Adoptive Sibling	12
Aunt/Uncle	244
Biological Parent	21,769
Cousin	148
Daughter in Law	2
Ex Husband / Former Significant Other	14
Foster Parent	74
Foster Sibling	2
Grandparent	452
Guardian/Legal Guardian	115
Half Sibling	34
Husband/Wife/Significant Other	15
Non-Relative	978
Other Relative	33
Putative Parent	102
Step Parent	1,071
Step Sibling (including in-laws)	16
*Unknown	2,443

*One perpetrator may be counted more than once based on their relationship code

Description by Age of Perpetrator	Total
0-20	1,540
21-30	10,743
31-40	8,729
41-50	3,220
51-60	978
61-70	226
71-80	56
81-90	8
Unknown	109
Total	25,609

Victims of Abuse/Neglect**	
Description by relation to Perpetrator	**Total**
Adopted Child	489
Adopted Sibling	14
Biological Child	36635
Cousin	53
Day Care Child	
Foster Child	108
Grandchild	649
Half Sibling	42
Niece/Nephew	340
Non-Relative	1410
Other Relative	37
Other	100
Putative Child	120
Step Child	1563
Sibling	203
Step Sibling	21
Unknown/Blank	2907

Description by Race of Perpetrator	Total
White	15,676
African American	5,623
American Indian	94
Multirace	2,022
Asian	57
Native Hawaiian	7
Unable to Determine	176
Unanswered	1,954

Children Victims Exposed to Drug Activity	
Type of Exposure	**Total**
Substance Abuse	5,639
Drug Positive Infant	2,610
Drug Residence -Methamphetamine	556
Drug Residence - Other than Methamphetamine	328
Grand Total	**9,133**

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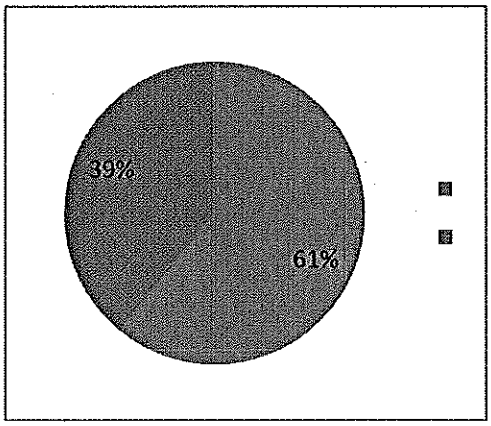
PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514(a) *(iii)*

The mandatory reporter category in which the individual who made the report fits, or other categorization if the individual is not within a group required to report under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638.

Non Mandated Reporters	
Anonymous	6,904
Court Personnel	1,177
Friend/Neighbor	4,577
Hospital/Clinic Personnel	266
New Birth Match	546
Other	4,075
Other Public Social Agency Personnel	427
Other School Personnel	750
Parent/Sub in Home	2,650
Parent/Sub out of Home	5,685
Relative	6,094
Sibling	232
Victim	270
Total Non-Mandated	**33,653**



Mandated Reporters	
Audiologist	9
Case Management Staff	1
Child Care Provider	369
Clergy	119
Counselor/Therapist	2
Coroner/Medical Examiner	22
Dentist/Registered Dental Hygienist	66
DHS Facility Personnel	173
DHS Facility Social Worker	356
DMH Facility Personnel	31
DMH Facility Social Worker	133
Domestic Violence Providers	88
FIS/ES Worker/Supervisor	776
Friend of Court	229
Hospital/Clinic Physician	1,101
Hospital/Clinic Social Worker	3,557
Law Enforcement	11,639
Licensee – Consultant/Organization	7
Licensed Counselor/Therapist	2,028
Marriage/Family Therapist	1,081
Nurse (Not School)	2,658
Other Public Social Worker	1,657
Other Social Worker	1,401
Paramedic/EMT	79
Private Agency Social Worker	1,547
Private Physician	356
Private Social Agency Personnel	283
Psychologist	417
School Administrator	2,252
School Counselor	4,957
School Nurse	214
Social Services Specialist/Manager	3,971
Teacher	4,805
Total Mandated	**50,700**
Total Mandated/Non Mandated	**84,353**

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PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514 (a) *(iv)*
In 2014, 5,894 children were separated from the parent or legal guardian. The period of time of the separation of a child from the parent or guardian is not captured through the Children's Protective Services program; however, the status of these separated children at the close of FY 2014 can be determined. Of the 5,894 children who were separated, 150 had their cases closed due to the termination of parental rights, 422 had their cases closed after either returning home or to another planned living arrangement and 5,322 children were still active to a foster care case at the end of the fiscal year.

PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514(a) *(v)*
For the reported complaints of abuse or neglect by teachers, school administrators, and school counselors, 959 cases were classified as category I or category II and 10,934 cases were classified as category III, category IV, and category V. There were 14 cases pending disposition.

PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514(a) *(vi)*
For the reported complaints of abuse or neglect by teachers, school administrators, and school counselors, 188 cases resulted in separation of the child from the parent or guardian. This resulted in 473 children being separated from the parent or guardian. The period of time of that separation, up to and including termination of rights is not captured through the Children's Protective Services program; however, the status of these separated children at the close of FY 2014 can be determined. Of the 473 children who were separated, 1 case closed due to the termination of parental rights, 43 cases closed after either returning home or to another planned living arrangement, and 429 children were still active to a foster care case at the end of the fiscal year.

PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514(b)
New policies related to children's protective services including, but not limited to, major policy changes and court decisions affecting the children's protective services system during the immediately preceding 12-month period are listed below:

Court Decisions
PSM 715-3
If the court or referee refuse to authorize or dismisses a petition filed by children's protective services, with or without warning and regardless of the basis for dismissal, the Office of Children's Legal Services (CLS) must be notified **immediately** to determine if the court's decision should be appealed or other additional steps are required. The petition, along with the pertinent court order should be forwarded to CLS for review and the purposes of tracking. The caseworker must also provide a synopsis of the local prosecutor's position and any action that they plan to take regarding the dismissed petition.
Reason: Request from Legal Services

Mandated Reporters
PSM 712-1
Children's Protective Services investigators are not required to file a separate report of suspected abuse and/or neglect on their own active investigations. If the CPS investigator learns of a new abuse and/or neglect allegation, suspects new maltreatments, or identifies additional household victims, the investigator **must** thoroughly investigate those allegations as part of the active investigation and document the findings in the disposition.
Reason: Policy Clarification

Reversals on Rejected Complaints
PSM 712-7
When Centralized Intake (CI) reviews a rejected complaint and makes a decision to assign, CI will use the date and time of the review to create another complaint, which will reference the original reporting source and log number.
Reason: Policy Clarification

Second Medical Opinions
PSM 713-4 Children's protective services workers should not seek a second medical opinion when a comprehensive examination or medical case review has been completed by a pediatric child abuse specialist.
Reason: Policy Clarification

Drug Testing of Minors
PSM 713-7
Except for complaints involving in-utero drug exposure, methamphetamine exposure, or a minor parent whose substance abuse affects his or her child, CPS must not subject a child to drug testing during an investigation or ongoing case. If the situation falls under one of the above referenced exceptions, CPS drug testing of minors must be conducted according to existing policy.
Reason: Policy Clarification

Assistance Cases
PSM 715-2
When out of home placement has occurred, the caseworker should inquire if the family has an open assistance case. If caseworkers become aware that the family does have an open assistance case, they must contact the family's assistance worker immediately to inform them that out-of-home care placement has occurred so necessary changes can be made to the assistance case.
Reason: Policy Clarification

Face-to-Face requirements
PSM 714-1
During an active/ongoing children's protective services case, each child identified as a victim must be seen in accordance with the risk level. Regardless of the risk level, each child not identified as a victim and a caregiver for the child victim must be seen at least once a month.
Reason: CPS Program Office recommendation

In re Sanders - Docket No. 146680
Argued November 7, 2013; Decided June 2, 2014
In this opinion, the Michigan Supreme Court held that application of the one-parent doctrine impermissibly infringes the fundamental rights of unadjudicated parents without providing adequate due process, and is consequently unconstitutional under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Due process requires a specific adjudication of a parent's unfitness before the state can infringe that parent's constitutionally protected parent-child relationship.

PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514 (c)
The information required under section 8d(5) of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628d, pertains to information regarding families that were classified in category III. In 2014, the total number of cases classified in category III was 10,480. Category III cases are typically identified as having two distinct sub-classifications which are: refer to voluntary community service and close, *or* refer to voluntary community service and monitor for 90 days. In FY 2014 7,969 Category III cases were identified as having one of these distinct sub-classifications. 6,747 of these cases were referred to voluntary community services and closed, while 1,222 were referred to voluntary community services and monitored for 90 days. In FY 2014, there were 2,511 category III cases which do not have an identified classification or have a different classification than indicated above. There is currently no functionality in the MiSACWIS system that allows for a Category III case to be escalated to a higher category, and therefore this information cannot be reported on for FY 2014.

PA 252 of 2014 Sec. 514(d)
DHS policy requires all complaints regarding children who have been exposed to the production or manufacture of methamphetamines be assigned for investigation. The Michigan Child Protection Law (CPL) (MCL 722.623 and 722. 628) requires DHS to refer to the prosecutor and law enforcement within 24 hours of receipt of all complaints with allegations that indicate potential violations of the public health code involving methamphetamine (MCL 333.7401c). The CPL, Section 17, requires that a petition for court jurisdiction must be filed by DHS within 24 hours of determining a preponderance of evidence exists that a child has been exposed to or had contact with methamphetamine. The department must also obtain a medical examination of all child victims and any other children residing in the household when a child has been exposed to or had contact with methamphetamine.

The department has not made any changes to CPS policy regarding children who have been exposed to the production or manufacture of methamphetamines during FY 2014.