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

The Honorable David Agema, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative Agema:

This report is provided pursuant to PA 63 of 2011, Section 556-3 of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations Act. This section requires that DHS submit a report to the subcommittees of the senate and house appropriations committees on the department budget with the number of complaints filed by adoptive parents who were not notified that their adopted child had special needs.

From October 1, 2011 to September 14, 2012, the Department received five (5) complaints from adoptive parents stating that they were not notified that their child had special needs. Of the complaints two are subsequent hearing requests disagreeing with prior administrative law judge findings affirming the Department, two of the complaints are pending administrative law hearings and one was affirmed by recommendation of the administrative law judge.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Parrott, Acting Director, Child Welfare Field Operations at (517) 373-3985.

Sincerely,


Susan Kangas
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees
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