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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:

Section 583 of 2010 Public Act 190 (Enrolled House Bill No. 5882) requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide a report detailing the number of individuals participating as foster parents during the previous fiscal year who dropped out of the program. The report shall also provide explanatory data on the primary reasons that foster parents chose to leave the program.

If you have any questions regarding the attached report, please contact Suzanne Stiles Burke, Director, Bureau of Child Welfare, at (517) 241-8606.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kangas".

Susan Kangas,
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
Senate Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services
House Committee on Families, Children and Seniors
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
Senate and House Policy Offices

Fiscal Year 2010 Foster Home Closures

Closure Reasons	Number of Closures
Administrative	91
Change of Facility Type	76
Change of License	3
Death of Licensee	12
Failure to Respond	272
Moved	47
Voluntary	1274
Total	1775

Definitions of Closure Reasons

Administrative Closure: This is used by the Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing when there is a problem with the license and a revocation, denial, or refusal to renew is not sought.

Change in Facility Type: When a foster home changes from a family home to a group home or from a group home to a family home, the license is closed and the new one is issued. Family homes have a capacity of 1-4 children and group homes have a capacity of 5-6 children.

Change of License: An adult household member either moves in or moves out of the licensed home and necessitates a change in the license.

Death of Licensee: Licensee is no longer alive.

Failure to Respond: The agency sends information regarding annual or renewal visits and the family does not respond to three notices and there are no children in the home. The agency documents the attempts to contact the family and uses the closing code "failure to respond" to close the license.

Moved: Licensee moved to a new location and no longer wants to be a foster parent and/or the new home is not suitable for licensure.

Voluntary: The licensee requests that the license be closed. Voluntary reasons for closure can include adoption, guardianship, a relative child is moved, not enough room in the home, family needs.