

Child Abuse or Neglect Report

(FY 2020 Appropriation Act - Public Act 67 of 2019)

March 1, 2020

Sec. 512. (1) As required by the settlement, by March 1st of the current fiscal year the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office on the following information for cases of child abuse or child neglect from the previous fiscal year:

(a) The total number of relative care placements.

(b) The total number of relatives with a placement who became licensed.

(c) The number of waivers of foster care licensure granted to relative care providers.

(d) The number of waivers of foster care denied to relative care providers.

(e) A list of the reasons from a sample of cases the department denied granting a waiver of foster care licensure for a relative care provider.

(f) A list of the reasons from a sample of cases where relatives were declined foster care licensure as documented by the department.

(2) The caseworker shall request a waiver of foster care licensure if both of the following apply:

(a) The caseworker has fully informed the relative of the benefits of licensure and the option of a licensure waiver.

(b) The caseworker has assessed the relative and the relative's home using the department's initial relative safety screen and the department's relative home assessment and has determined that the relative's home is safe and placement there is in the child's best interest.



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(a) Relative Care Placements

There were 5,533 children placed with a relative during Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

(b) Licensed Relatives with a Placement

Relatives with a Placement Licensed During FY 2019											
Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
44	45	49	41	56	61	38	35	28	34	28	51
Total: 510											

(c) Approved Waivers of Foster (Care) Home Licensure

In FY 2019, 426 waivers of foster home licensure were approved by either a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) County Director, Wayne County District Manager or the private agency director for contracted Child Placing Agencies (CPA) operating under the West Michigan Partnership for Children Consortium (WMPC).

(d) Denied Waivers of Foster (Care) Home Licensure

In FY 2019, two homes were denied waivers by either a MDHHS County Director, Wayne County District Manager or the private agency director for contracted CPA's operating under the WMPC.

(e) Reasons Waivers were Denied

- Family would benefit from the support offered through licensure.

(f) Reasons Relatives were (Declined) Denied Licensure

- Criminal history for the applicant(s).
- Central registry existence for the applicant(s).
- Mental health issues for the applicant(s) or other members of household that impacted child safety or care.
- Failure by the applicant(s) to be truthful in providing required information during the licensing process.