

# Child Abuse or Neglect Report

(FY 2021 Appropriation Act - Public Act 166 of 2020)

**March 1, 2021**

***Sec. 512. As required by the settlement, by March 1 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) A list of the reasons from a sample of cases where relatives were denied foster home licensure as documented by the department.***



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**(a) Relative Care Placements:**

There were 7,528 children placed in 4,889 relative homes during Fiscal Year (FY) 2020.

**(b) Relatives Licensed in FY 2020 with a Placement:**

Relatives Licensed in Fiscal Year 2020 with a Placement											
Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
29	23	31	43	25	37	42	18	31	13	24	42
Total: 358											

**(c) Reasons Relatives were Denied Foster Home Licensure**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reviewed the eleven relative licenses that were denied during FY 20. The most common denial reasons were:

- The applicant had an unallowable criminal conviction R 400.9201(b).
- The applicant did not disclose substance abuse history R 400.9206(b) (vii).
- Serious history of domestic violence R 400.9201(j).
- The applicant refused to discontinue to use physical discipline of relative foster child R.400.9201(d).
- The applicant refused to follow agency requirements for child and parent contact R. 400.9403 (b).