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Honorable Spencer Coggs  
State Senator  
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Madison, WI 53702

Honorable Don Pridemore  
State Representative  
318 North, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator Coggs and Representative Pridemore:

In compliance with 2009 Wisconsin Act 78, the Child Welfare Public Disclosure Act, attached is the Department of Children and Families' 2012 second quarter report on alleged sexual abuse of children residing in out-of-home care placement. The attached data addresses reports of alleged sexual abuse for the period April 1 through June 30, 2012 and fulfills the Department of Children and Families' reporting requirements under Section 48.981 (9)(b), Wis. Stats. Key findings of the report are:

*Number of Incidents Reported: 39*

Wisconsin child protective services agencies screened in and investigated 39 reported incidents of suspected sexual abuse to 35 children residing in out-of-home care placement.

*Maltreatment Determinations: 39 Incidents*

For reported incidents, twenty four (61.5%) were unsubstantiated (i.e., sexual abuse likely did not occur), twelve (31%) maltreatment determinations are pending because the investigation is not yet completed and one (2.6%) incident did not result in a maltreatment determination because the agency was unable to locate the source to complete the investigation. Two (5.1%) of the reported incidents were substantiated, which means these children were sexually abused after they were removed from their homes and placed into out-of-home care placement.

*Nature of Maltreater Relationship:*

For substantiated incidents, the relationship of the maltreater to the child in both cases was a non-caregiver (one minor and one adult). During the second quarter of 2012, there were no foster parents substantiated for sexual abuse of a child in his or her care.

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*Dates of the Incidents:*

The incidents reported are estimated to have occurred between 2004 and 2012. Children disclose abuse in different stages, so it is common for abuse to be reported months or even years after the incident occurred. In cases of alleged abuse to younger children, dates of the alleged maltreatment may be difficult or impossible to determine due to the child's inability to effectively communicate about the incident(s).

*Counties in Which the Substantiated Incidents Occurred:*

Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties each had one incident of substantiated sexual abuse to a child residing in out-of-home care placement.

*Ages or Age Group of Children:*

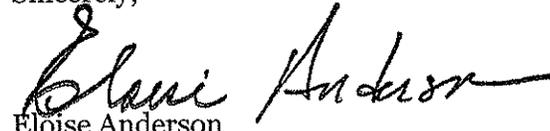
Alleged sexual abuse was reported and investigated for children ages 2 to 17 years. The two substantiated incidents involved a 7 year old and a 12 year old.

*Types of Placement:*

Cases of confirmed (substantiated) sexual abuse were disclosed by children residing in two different types of out-of-home placement settings: non-relative foster home [1] and shelter [1]. As stated earlier, the alleged sexual abuse did not necessarily occur within the placement setting or by a maltreater in that setting, but rather that is the child's current or most recent type of placement.

If you have any questions about this summarized information or the attached report, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Eloise Anderson  
Secretary

cc: Governor Scott Walker

**Alleged Sexual Abuse/Children Residing in Out-of-Home Care Placement**  
 For the period April 1-June 30, 2012

County	Date of Alleged Sexual Abuse	Number of Incidents per Report	Encrypted Case ID	Age at Alleged Incident	Maltreatment Determination	Resulting Injury	Resulting Disease	Pregnancy	Maltreater Relationship	Placement Setting
Ashland	06/20/2012	1	8031056	3	Pending					Foster Family Home - Relative
Brown	04/17/2012	1	8172931	16	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Brown	04/17/2012	1	8172931	12	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Crawford	05/19/2012	1	8180427	6	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Relative
Dane	03/30/2012	1	8205468	17	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Dane	04/19/2012	1	8090987	12	Unsubstantiated					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative
Jackson	02/01/2006	2	8107614	11	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative (same child & placement)
Jackson	02/01/2006	1	8107614	11	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative (same child & placement)
Jefferson	04/04/2012	1	8268835	14	Not able to locate source					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative
Jefferson	06/29/2012	1	8323395	3	Pending					Kinship Care - Court-Ordered
Milwaukee	04/17/2012	2	59346	4	Unsubstantiated					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative (same child & placement)
Milwaukee	04/17/2012	1	59346	4	Unsubstantiated					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative (same child & placement)
Milwaukee	04/27/2012	1	8113470	12	Pending					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	03/10/2012	1	8314442	2	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	04/30/2012	1	8302044	2	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Relative
Milwaukee	03/17/2012	1	8156102	6	Unsubstantiated					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	01/01/2012	1	69359	15	Pending					Foster Family Home - Relative
Milwaukee	05/11/2012	1	8270773	14	Pending					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	05/22/2012	1	69209	12	Substantiated	N	N		Other non-caregiver	Shelter
Milwaukee	10/22/2011	1	8268814	14	Pending					Residential Care Center
Milwaukee	05/22/2012	1	69029	12	Pending					Shelter
Milwaukee	03/01/2011	1	8263940	14	Pending					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	06/15/2012	1	8322084	9	Pending					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	03/09/2011	1	8077434	10	Unsubstantiated					Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	06/28/2012	1	8195327	6	Pending					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Milwaukee	05/16/2012	1	8109662	13	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Monroe	05/21/2012	1	8109662	13	Unsubstantiated					(same child & placement)
Monroe	05/24/2012	1	8109662	13	Unsubstantiated					(same child & placement)
Outagamie	04/04/2012	1	8298301	11	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Ozaukee	04/21/2012	1	8318294	1	Pending					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Ozaukee	05/02/2012	1	8318294	7	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Ozaukee	08/23/2004	1	8026749	7	Substantiated	N	N		Minor - Non-Caregiver	Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Ozaukee	08/23/2004	1	8026749	5	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Racine	04/27/2012	1	8171824	7	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Racine	05/09/2012	1	8169887	15	Unsubstantiated					Relative - Unlicensed
Racine	06/27/2012	1	8126224	12	Pending					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Shawano	02/01/2009	1	8319860	5	Unsubstantiated					Kinship Care - Court-Ordered
Sheboygan	04/16/2012	1	8264199	2	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative
Waukesha	04/10/2012	1	8106003	17	Unsubstantiated					Relative - Unlicensed
Waukesha	04/10/2012	1	8106003	17	Unsubstantiated					Foster Family Home - Non-Relative