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Dear Senator Vukmir and Representative Rodriguez:

In compliance with 2009 Wisconsin Act 78, the Child Welfare Public Disclosure Act, please accept the Department of Children and Families' 2015 second quarter report on alleged sexual abuse of children residing in out-of-home care. The attached data addresses reports of alleged sexual abuse for the period April 1 through June 30, 2015, and fulfills the Department of Children and Families' reporting requirements under Section 48.981 (9)(b), Wis. Stats. The following is a summary of the findings in the attached report:

Number of Reported Incidents: 33

Wisconsin child protective services agencies screened in and investigated 33 reported incidents of suspected sexual abuse to 30 children residing in out-of-home care.

Dates of the Incidents:

The 33 reported incidents are estimated to have occurred between March 2015 and June 2015. Because children disclose abuse in different stages, it is common for children to report incidents months or even years after the incident occurred. Furthermore, in cases of alleged abuse involving non-verbal children, dates of alleged maltreatment are often difficult or impossible to determine.

Maltreatment Determinations:

For reported incidents, maltreatment determinations were made for 57.6% or 19 of the reported incidents; 14 (42.4 %) maltreatment determinations are pending because the investigations are not complete. Of the 19 reported incidents where the maltreatment determination was made, 17 (89.5 %) were unsubstantiated (i.e., sexual abuse likely did not occur) and 2 (10.5%) received a substantiation determination signifying a preponderance of evidence that the child victims were sexually abused while placed in out-of-home care.

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Nature of Maltreater Relationship:

Regarding the 2 substantiated incidents, the relationship of the maltreater to the child in 1 case was that of a sibling or step-sibling. In the remaining case, the relationship of the maltreater to the child was unknown.

Types of Placement:

The 2 incidents of substantiated sexual abuse to children residing in out-of-home care occurred while the child was placed in group home.

Location of Substantiated Incidents:

The 2 substantiated incidents of sexual abuse to children residing in out-of-home care occurred in Milwaukee County.

Ages or Age Group of Children:

Alleged sexual abuse was reported and investigated for children ages 2 to 17 years of age. Two incidents of sexual abuse were substantiated for 1 child who was 13 years old at the time of the abuse.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to provide the attached information, in compliance with the statute. Feel free to contact the Department with questions or clarification requests.

Sincerely,


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Attachment

cc: Governor Scott Walker