

September 6, 2012

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
State Capitol 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Annual Report - Waiver of Training Requirements for Relative Foster Care

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

This report is to comply with the requirement of Nebraska Revised Statutes 71-1904 for an annual report to the Legislature by September 15 regarding the waiver of training requirements for relative foster care. The Statute specifically requires the Department to report the number of waivers granted and the total number of children placed in relative foster homes.

During State Fiscal Year 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services granted a waiver of foster parent training requirements to 90 relative foster homes. There were a total of 2,374 children placed in relative foster homes during State Fiscal Year 2012.

Please contact me if there are any questions about the information provided to comply with the reporting requirement of NRS 71-1904. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kerry T. Winterer
Chief Executive Officer
Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Thomas D. Pristow, Director
Division of Children and Family Services