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Dear Chief Clerk Renk and Chief Clerk Fuller:

In compliance with 2009 Wisconsin Act 78, the Child Welfare Public Disclosure Act, please accept the Department of Children and Families' 2018 fourth 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 October 1 through December 31, 2018, 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: 57

Wisconsin child protective services agencies screened in and investigated 57 reported incidents of suspected sexual abuse to 48 children residing in out-of-home care.

Dates of the Incidents:

The 57 reported incidents are estimated to have occurred between January 1, 2013, and December 27, 2018. 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 the 57 reported incidents, maltreatment determinations were made for 35 (61%) of the reported incidents, 22 (39%) maltreatment determinations are pending because the investigations are not complete.

Of the 35 reported incidents where the maltreatment determination was made, 27 (77%) were unsubstantiated (i.e., preponderance of the evidence indicating that sexual abuse occurred was not found), seven (20%) were substantiated, and one (3%) was unsubstantiated/unable to locate source.

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Nature of Maltreater Relationship:

Of the seven substantiated incidents, the relationship of the maltreater to the child was a foster parent in one incident and a non-caregiver in six incidents. Of the seven substantiated incidents, five included sex trafficking allegations.

Types of Placement:

Of the seven substantiated incidents, one incident occurred in a licensed foster home, one incident occurred in a kinship care court-ordered placement, two incidents occurred in a shelter care facility, and three incidents occurred in an unlicensed relative home.

Location of Substantiated Incidents:

Of the seven substantiated incidents of sexual abuse to children residing in out-of-home care, one incident occurred in Dane County, one incident occurred in Kewaunee County, two incidents occurred in Milwaukee County, and three incidents occurred in Kenosha County.

Ages or Age Group of Children:

The alleged sexual abuse was reported and investigated for children ages 0 to 17 years of age. An incident of sexual abuse was substantiated for five children ages 9, 10, 17, and 16 (two children) at the time of the incident.

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,



Emilie Amundson
Secretary

Attachment

cc: Governor Tony Evers

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
 Alleged Sexual Abuse/Child In-Out-of-Home Care
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County	Number of Incidents	Date of Alleged Maltreatment	Age at the Time of Alleged Incident	Maltreatment Determination	Maltreater Relationship Type	Placement Setting	Allegation of Sex Trafficking
Adams	1	10/26/2018	15	Unsubstantiated		Residential Care Center	Y
Adams	1	10/26/2018	15	Unsubstantiated		Residential Care Center	Y
Brown	1	10/22/2018	5	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Brown	1	10/29/2018	8	Unsubstantiated		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Brown	1	10/29/2018	6	Unsubstantiated		Unlicensed Relative	N
Burnett	1	10/26/2018	3	Pending		Relative Foster Home	N
Burnett	1	10/26/2018	2	Pending		Relative Foster Home	N
Columbia	1	12/27/2018	14	Pending		Unlicensed Relative	N
Dane	1	10/17/2018	5	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Treatment Foster Home	N
Dane	1	10/30/2018	16	Unsubstantiated		Shelter	Y

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Dane	1	10/30/2018	16	Substantiated	Non-Caregiver	Shelter	Y
Dane	1	12/6/2018	12	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Dane	1	12/6/2018	10	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Dane	1	12/6/2018	10	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Douglas	1	10/16/2018	7	Unsubstantiated		Residential Care Center	N
Dunn	1	11/8/2018	5	Pending		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Dunn	1	11/8/2018	6	Pending		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Fond du Lac	1	11/20/2018	7	Pending		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Fond du Lac	1	12/8/2018	3	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Fond du Lac	1	12/8/2018	3	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Iowa	1	11/19/2018	0	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N

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Kenosha	1	9/9/2018	17	Substantiated	Non-Caregiver	Unlicensed Relative	Y
Kenosha	1	9/9/2018	17	Substantiated	Non-Caregiver	Unlicensed Relative	Y
Kenosha	1	9/9/2018	17	Substantiated	Non-Caregiver	Unlicensed Relative	Y
Kewaunee	1	9/1/2018	9	Substantiated	Foster Parent	Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Marathon	1	11/16/2018	5	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Marathon	1	11/16/2018	8	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Marathon	1	11/16/2018	4	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Marathon	1	11/16/2018	7	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Marathon	1	11/16/2018	3	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Marathon	1	10/6/2018	16	Pending		Residential Care Center	N
Milwaukee	1	10/1/2018	11	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Treatment Foster Home	N

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Milwaukee	1	10/4/2018	17	Unsubstantiated		Unlicensed Non-Relative	Y
Milwaukee	1	10/5/2018	9	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Treatment Foster Home	N
Milwaukee	1	10/13/2018	10	Substantiated	Non-Caregiver	Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Milwaukee	1	10/13/2018	10	Unsubstantiated		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Milwaukee	1	10/1/2018	16	Substantiated	Non-Caregiver	Shelter	Y
Milwaukee	1	10/1/2018	16	Unsubstantiated		Shelter	Y
Milwaukee	1	10/1/2018	17	Unsubstantiated		Shelter	Y
Milwaukee	1	10/1/2018	13	Unsubstantiated		Shelter	Y
Milwaukee	1	10/26/2016	9	Unsubstantiated		Relative Foster Home	N
Milwaukee	1	10/30/2017	14	Unsubstantiated		Group Home	Y
Milwaukee	1	11/15/2018	3	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N

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Milwaukee	1	1/1/2013	4	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Treatment Foster Home	N
Milwaukee	1	11/30/2018	17	Pending		Group Home	Y
Milwaukee	1	12/5/2018	15	Pending		Non-Relative Treatment Foster Home	Y
Milwaukee	1	12/17/2018	15	Pending		Residential Care Center	N
Oneida	1	10/26/2018	4	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Ozaukee	1	9/24/2018	15	Not able to locate source	Non-Caregiver	Group Home	Y
Polk	1	12/7/2018	16	Unsubstantiated		Group Home	N
Price	1	2/1/2014	9	Pending		Unlicensed Relative	N
Racine	1	10/24/2018	7	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Racine	1	10/23/2018	6	Unsubstantiated		Non-Relative Foster Home	N
Racine	1	11/5/2018	3	Pending		Non-Relative Foster Home	N

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Racine	1	12/5/2018	9	Pending		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Saint Croix	1	10/11/2018	5	Unsubstantiated		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N
Waukesha	1	12/12/2018	11	Pending		Kinship Care Court Ordered	N