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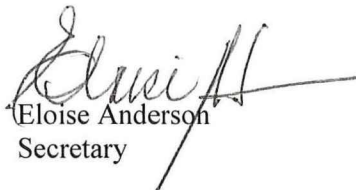
Mr. Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk
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Dear Mr. Fuller and Mr. Renk:

Sections 48.685(5g) and 48.696(5g) of the Wisconsin Statutes directs DCF to submit an annual report to the Wisconsin Legislature that specifies the number of persons in the previous year who have requested to demonstrate that they have been rehabilitated under sec. 48.685(5)(a) or 48.686(5)(a), the number of persons who successfully demonstrated that they have been rehabilitated under sec. 48.685(5)(a) or 48.686(5)(a), and the reasons for the success or failure of a person who has attempted to demonstrate that he or she has been rehabilitated. The attached report reflects the rehabilitation review applications processed by DCF in 2018.

Questions about this report should be referred to Jill Mueller at (608) 422-7046.

Sincerely,


Eloise Anderson
Secretary

2018 Annual Report on Rehabilitation Review Requests

REQUESTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

11	Pending requests at start of 2018	13	Approvals with standard conditions
70	Requests received in 2018	11	Approvals with additional specific conditions
81	Total requests	16	Denials (9 for not following through with process)
		14	Rehabilitation reviews not required (2 due to permanent barred offense)
		0	Premature request (Applied prior to barred offense expiration)
		3	Decision deferred pending additional information
		1	Applicants withdrew request
		5	Approval and Denial (applicants had multiple requests; 1 due to permanent barred offense)
		1	No DCF jurisdiction; referred to proper reviewing agency
		17	Requests being screened for completeness or awaiting scheduling

REASONS FOR DCF APPROVAL

The applicants demonstrated sufficient evidence of rehabilitation in the areas of position related offense factors and the applicant's personal development and progress. Where applicable, standard conditions include: no (further) (criminal) law violations, no (further) acts or threats of violence toward others, no use of illegal drugs (and alcohol) and no offenses that lead to arrest, conviction or findings by a government agency of misconduct.

Additional conditions that may apply to more than one approval include:

- No use of physical discipline/corporal punishment.
- Continue/participate in counseling as recommended.
- Undergo a mental health/medical evaluation prior to approval for licensure and adoption (and provide the licensing agency with a written statement from the evaluator that specifies any physical or mental conditions that would affect the applicant's ability to ensure care and safety for a child).

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- Cooperate and be truthful with all licensing and placing agencies as well as law enforcement personnel, all county or Department staff, including, but not limited to, social workers, case managers and ongoing case management staff.
- Must cooperate with all case plans for a child(ren) placed in your home, including family interaction and permanency plans.
- Approval for employment in supervised positions only (when in direct contact with children).
- Approval for a limited number and/or specific foster child(ren).
- May not be responsible for billing subsidy and other financial matters.
- May not be employed in a facility that is owned or operated by a relative.
- May not administer medications to children.
- Must thoroughly review and follow all of the group home's policies and procedures.
- Must maintain involvement with recovery groups.

REASONS FOR DCF DENIAL

- Applicant failed to provide evidence of acceptable performance or competency in the positions for which approval was sought.
- Applicant denied basic facts that were clearly indicated in the documented findings and reports.
- Applicant failed to take responsibility for the offense(s) and minimized the seriousness of the offense(s).
- Applicant did not provide adequate documentation to support rehabilitation.
- Applicant displayed questionable veracity.
- Applicant has been the subject of numerous Child Protective Services reports.
- Applicant was not forthcoming and omitted relevant information as well as provided inaccurate information.
- Applicant admitted to using physical and verbal discipline.
- Applicant knowingly worked as a caregiver with a barred offense.
- Panel felt applicant needed additional time to demonstrate the ability to successfully and safely care for children in entities regulated by the Department of Children and Families.
- Panel questioned applicant's protective capacity and ability to provide a safe environment for young, vulnerable children.
- Panel had concerns relating to applicant's alcohol and drug use.
- Panel had concerns regarding applicant's history of law enforcement contact.
- Panel had concerns regarding applicant's alignment with Department of Children and Families' staff.

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REQUESTS RECEIVED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND REPORTED TO DCF

20 Approvals with standard conditions
2 Approvals with additional conditions
1 Rehab Review not required due to permanent bar
5 Denial (0 due to incomplete application)

REQUESTS RECEIVED BY CHILD PLACING AGENCIES AND REPORTED TO DCF

4 Approvals with standard conditions
0 Denial

REQUESTS RECEIVED BY SCHOOL BOARDS AND TRIBES REPORTED TO DCF

None were reported