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Mr. Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 208
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Mr. Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
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Dear Mr. Fuller and Mr. Renk:

Sections 48.685(5g) and 48.686(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 2019.

Questions about this report should be referred to Mankah Mitchell at (608) 422-7044.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Emilie Amundson". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, rounded loops.

Emilie Amundson
Secretary-Designee

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REQUESTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

20	Pending requests at start of 2019	42	Approvals with standard conditions
154	Requests received in 2019	27	Approvals with additional specific conditions
174	Total requests	22	Denials (including 8 for not following through with process)
		13	Rehabilitation reviews not required (including 5 due to permanent barred offense)
		4	Premature request (applied prior to barred offense expiration)
		0	Panel decision deferred pending additional information
		3	Applicants withdrew request
		7	Approval and Denial (applicants had multiple requests)
		0	No DCF jurisdiction; referred to proper reviewing agency
		56	Requests awaiting requested missing information or awaiting scheduled panel meetings

REASONS FOR DCF APPROVAL

The applicant 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, no offenses that lead to arrest, conviction or findings by a government agency of misconduct, and the applicant must share a copy of the decision letter with any entity or agency that they may be licensed by, employed with, or reside at.

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

- Applicant may not use physical discipline/corporal punishment.
- Applicant must continue/participate in counseling as recommended.

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- Applicant must 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.
- Applicant must cooperate with all case plans for a child(ren) placed in your home, including family interaction and permanency plans.
- Applicant is approved for employment in supervised positions only (when in direct contact with children).
- Applicant is approved for a limited number and/or specific foster child(ren).
- Applicant may not be responsible for billing subsidy and other financial matters.
- Applicant is approved for employment in certain positions only.
- Applicant must successfully complete a course prior to licensure or employment
- Applicant given conditions regarding alcohol use.
- Applicant may not have contacts with law enforcement regarding allegations of domestic violence as a perpetrator.
- Certain individuals may not be present during child care hours while children are present.

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 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.
- Panel had concerns that requested positions would present applicant with similar opportunities to commit similar offenses.
- Panel had concerns regarding applicant's understanding of trauma and its effect on youth.
- Panel had concerns with applicant's ability to provide on-going daily care to children.
- Panel had concerns regarding applicant's financial obligations.
- Panel had concerns about potential untreated mental health and substance use issues.

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REQUESTS RECEIVED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND REPORTED TO DCF

18 Approvals with standard conditions
3 Approvals with additional conditions
2 Rehab Review not required
2 Denial (0 due to incomplete application)

REQUESTS RECEIVED BY CHILD PLACING AGENCIES AND REPORTED TO DCF

1 Approvals with standard conditions
1 Denial

REQUESTS RECEIVED BY SCHOOL BOARDS AND TRIBES REPORTED TO DCF

None were reported