



January 3, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Mr. Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Mr. Michael J. Queensland
Senate Chief Clerk
B20 – Southeast, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Blazel and Mr. Queensland,

Sections 48.685(5g) and 48.686(5g) of the Wisconsin Statutes direct the Department of Children and Families (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 2022.

Questions about this report may be referred to Rehabilitation Review Lead Panel Member Devon Lee at (608) 422-7037.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emilie Amundson".

Emilie Amundson
Secretary

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REQUESTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

20	Pending requests at start of 2022	85	Approvals with standard conditions
129	Requests received in 2022	10	Approvals with additional specific conditions
149	Total requests	19	Denials (including 8 for not following through with process)
		4	Rehabilitation reviews not required (including 1 due to permanent barred offense)
		2	Premature request (applied prior to barred offense expiration)
		4	Decision deferred pending additional information
		3	Applicants withdrew request
		3	Approval and Denial (applicants had multiple requests)
		0	No DCF jurisdiction; referred to proper reviewing agency
		19	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:

- No use of physical discipline/corporal punishment.
- Continue/participate in counseling as recommended.
- 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.
- Approval for employment in supervised positions only (when in direct contact with children).

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- Approval for a limited number and/or specific foster child(ren).
- Approval for employment in certain positions only.
- Applicant must successfully complete a course prior to licensure or employment.
- Applicant given conditions regarding alcohol use.
- Certain individuals may not be present during child care hours while children are present.
- Applicant must comply with prior stipulated settlement agreements.

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 regarding applicant's history of law enforcement contact.
- Panel had concerns regarding applicant's understanding of trauma and its effect on youth.
- Panel had concerns regarding applicant's financial obligations.

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REQUESTS RECEIVED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND REPORTED TO DCF

10 Approvals with standard conditions

3 Denials

REQUESTS RECEIVED BY CHILD PLACING AGENCIES AND REPORTED TO DCF

2 Approvals with standard conditions

REQUESTS RECEIVED BY SCHOOL BOARDS AND TRIBES REPORTED TO DCF

None were reported