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**Legislative Report  
Department of Human Services  
Child-Caring Agency Licensing Investigation Quarterly Report  
To Interim Legislative Committees on Child Welfare**

Reporting period: April 1, 2017-June 30, 2017  
Submitted August 1, 2017

Senate Bill 1515, Effective April 4, 2016 following enacted from the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit a quarterly report to the interim legislative committees on child welfare. Section 58 of the bill prescribes an effective date of July 1, 2016 for certain parts of the bill, including Section 38 which contains the quarterly reporting provision.

The quarterly reports are for the purposes of legislative and public review and oversight of the quality and safety of child-caring agencies that are licensed, certified or authorized by the department in this state and of proctor foster homes that are certified by the child-caring agencies.

Information provided in this report contains:

- (a) The name of any child-caring agency or proctor foster home where the department conducted an investigation pursuant to section 37 of this 2016 Act that resulted in a finding that the report of abuse was substantiated during that quarter;
- (b) The approximate date that the abuse occurred;
- (c) The nature of the abuse and a brief narrative description of the abuse that occurred;
- (d) Whether physical injury, sexual abuse or death resulted from the abuse; and
- (e) Corrective actions taken or ordered by the department and the outcome of the corrective actions.

Time Period: CCA/CCP Abuse Reports Closed from April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017

Summary: 5 CW/OAAPI investigations with 14 substantiated allegations

Note:

- Reports beginning with ‘CCP’ were investigated using the pre-SB 1515 abuse definitions and standard of proof for substantiation (preponderance of the evidence).
- Reports beginning with ‘CCA’ were investigated using the post-SB 1515 abuse definitions and standard of proof for substantiation (reasonable basis to believe abuse occurred).

Report # Allegation # substantiated	Provider	Approximate date abuse occurred	Nature of abuse and brief narrative	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?	Corrective actions taken or ordered by the department, and outcome
CCA170006 Allegation 1	OnTrack	Dec 2016- Jan 2017	One allegation of Neglect as defined in OAR 407-045-0820(1)(e)(A) and (B) was substantiated because a staff member failed to provide for the special dietary needs of a child receiving care from the program, placing the child at significant risk of harm.	No	At the time this report of neglect was substantiated the identified employee was no longer employed by On-Track. The day after the report was substantiated DHS issued a letter of intent to revoke On-Track's license to operate as a child-caring agency. At this time the program is not in operation. A hearing with regard to the license revocation is pending.
CCA170012 Allegation 1 Allegation 2 Allegation 3	New Direction s Northwe	Dec 2016 – Jan 2017	Three allegations of Sexual Abuse as defined in OAR 407-045-0820(1)(h) and 407-045-	Yes	The employee identified in this report was immediately suspended when New

Allegation 4	st		0820(24) were substantiated, because a staff member engaged in sexual activity with three children receiving care from the program. One allegation of Threat of Harm as defined in ORS 419B.005(1)(a)(G) was also substantiated, because the staff member sexually propositioned a fourth child receiving care from the program.		Directions NW management became aware of the sex abuse allegations, and her employment was subsequently terminated. She had no further contact with youth at the program after the allegations came to light. DHS conducted a comprehensive on-site review of the program in February and issued corrective actions aimed at improving the program's screening and training of employees.
CCA170026 Allegation 1 Allegation 4 Allegation 5 Allegation 6 Allegation 7 Allegation 8	Inn Home for Boys	March 18, 2017	One allegation of Physical Abuse as defined in OAR 407-045-0820(1)(a) was substantiated, because a staff member engaged in a physical altercation with a child receiving care from the program and pushed the	No	The identified employee was placed on administrative leave immediately following the reported incident. His employment was subsequently terminated when the

			<p>child to the ground.</p> <p>Five allegations of Neglect as defined in OAR 407-045-0820(1)(b) and OAR 407-045-0820(14) were also substantiated, because the same staff member left five children receiving care from the program unattended and unsupervised at the facility, placing them at risk.</p>		<p>Inn Home was notified that the reported allegations had been substantiated. No further action will be taken by DHS specifically regarding this report.</p>
CCA170031 Allegation 2	Family Solutions – Foster Care	4/2/17	<p>One allegation of Wrongful Restraint as defined in OAR 407-045-0820(1)(j) was substantiated, because a proctor/foster parent wrongfully restrained a child receiving care from the program during a physical altercation.</p>	No	<p>At the time of the initial report the child who was identified as the victim of the alleged wrongful restraint was moved from the identified proctor/foster home. When Family Solutions was informed that the report of wrongful restraint had been substantiated, they terminated their certification of the</p>

					proctor/foster home. DHS will not take further action specifically regarding this report.
CW #311561	Safe Haven	Jan 2017	<p>This referral is substantiated/founded for two allegations of Neglect, Lack of Supervision and Protection of two children in the CCA by a staff member.</p> <p>A staff member admitted to leaving medication sitting out unlocked which was accessible by children residing at Safe Haven. A child got into the medication and ingested some while his mother was trying to start a load of laundry. He was hospitalized for a night to undergo observation for seizures and tachycardia.</p> <p>This same staff member also admitted to putting a vehicle in gear and moving the vehicle while a resident stood behind the vehicle and another resident holding a child in a car seat was</p>	No	<p>Safe Haven voluntarily relinquished their CCA license in February. The program is still open and operational, and it is OLRO's understanding that they still serve mom's referred to them by DHS under a SPRF contract, but they no longer serve any moms under the age of 18. OLRO followed up with the BCU to ensure they are aware of the substantiation of abuse by the identified Safe Haven employee. Safe Haven is no longer a CCA.</p>

			<p>standing beside the vehicle attempting to get in. This could have caused significant injuries to the child had the car seat been knocked out of her mother's hand. This incident was clearly described by the staff and multiple residents of Safe Haven who were present during the incident. Multiple residents have also described this staff driving erratically and speeding while transporting residents and their children due to talking or texting on her cell phone, including directly after this incident while the child was in the van. This assessment was unfounded regarding additional allegations of neglect by two additional staff persons. While there are some concerns about the way these two additional staff deal with clients and children at times, there was no information collected that indicated child</p>		
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