

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

Reporting period: October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
January 24, 2018

Senate Bill 1515, Effective April 4, 2016 following 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 October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Summary: 3 CW/OAAPI investigations with 3 substantiated allegations

Note:

- The outcome of the following reports could change upon appeal.

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
CCA170110A	J Bar J Ranch Inc.	09/20/2017	One allegation of Neglect as defined in OAR 407-045- 0820(14)(a) was substantiated, because a program staff failed to provided medical care that was necessary to	No.	The identified J-Bar-J employee violated J-Bar-J rules and protocols when failing to seek medical care for the identified youth. When J-Bar-J management became aware of the situation, the youth was transported to a medical

			maintain the physical health of the child in care. This failure placed the child in care's physical health at risk.		provider and received treatment before returning to J-Bar-J the same day. The employee who initially failed to obtain medical care for the youth was terminated.
CCA170124A	Northwest Behavioral Healthcare Services	10/12/2017	One allegation of Sexual Abuse as defined in OAR 407-045-0820 (24) was substantiated because a program staff slapped and groped a child in care's buttocks.	Yes- Sexual Abuse	The identified employee was terminated immediately after NWBH management became aware of the incident. More recently NWBH ceased operation following notice of the Department's intent to deny NWBH's application for renewal of its child-caring agency license. The notice was issued in response to other licensing violations and allegations of neglect and abuse. NWBH is appealing the Department's denial. A

					hearing on the matter is pending.
CCA170134A	Looking Glass	10/31/2017	One allegation of Abandonment as defined in OAR 407-045-0820 (1)(c) was substantiated because a program staff terminated the child in care from the program without a planned transition to another caregiver or placement. This resulted in the child being directed to leave the program's property causing the child in care to be alone in the community without a caregiver	No	Looking Glass Community Services (LGCS) made changes to their policies following this incident to make it clearer that discharging a youth in the manner that occurred in the reported incident is prohibited. The LGCS program where the incident occurred has since closed. The employee who was identified as responsible for the substantiated report of neglect is still employed at LGCS at a different site. LGCS has submitted a request for a new background check and fitness determination for the employee to the DHS Background Check Unit (BCU). Pending the

			or plan for placement/safety.		outcome of the fitness determination, the employee will not work alone with youth. If the fitness determination results in denial, the employee will not be able to continue as a caregiver at LGCS.
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