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Substantiated Investigation Quarterly Report to Legislative Committees on Child Welfare Reporting

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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.

Senate Bill 243, effective August 15, 2017 following the 2017 Regular Legislative Session (the section of the bill pertaining to reports was operative January 1, 2018), directs DHS to also submit a quarterly report to the interim legislative committees on Child Welfare regarding substantiated reports of abuse regarding DHS certified foster homes (Child Welfare and Office of Developmental Disabilities Services certified foster homes) and developmental disabilities residential facilities (Office of Developmental Disabilities Services licensed group homes).

The quarterly reports are for the purposes of legislative and public review and oversight of the quality and safety of providers that are licensed or certified by DHS to provide care or services for children in care.

The following report represents data from Child Caring Agencies (CCAs), Child Welfare (CW) certified foster homes, Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) certified foster homes and ODDS licensed group homes in the third quarter of 2019, July 1 through September 30.

The data is separated by provider type for clarity.

Related to Child Caring Agencies: information provided in this report contains:

- The name of any child-caring agency or proctor foster home where the department conducted an investigation pursuant to section 37, chapter 106, Oregon Laws 2016, that resulted in a finding that the report of abuse was substantiated during that quarter;
- The approximate date that the abuse occurred;
- The nature of the abuse and a brief narrative description of the abuse that occurred;
- Whether physical injury, sexual abuse or death resulted from the abuse; and
- Corrective actions taken or ordered by the department and the outcome of the corrective actions.

Time Period: Child Caring Agency (CCA)/Child Caring Provider (CCP) Abuse Reports Closed from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

Summary: Seven (7) Office of Training, Investigations and Safety (OTIS) (formerly known as Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations (OAPPI)) investigations with eleven (11) substantiated allegations.

Note: The outcome of the following reports could change upon appeal.

Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CCA190014 Five Allegations	Looking Glass Kyanite Program	Unknown	Yes-Sexual
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Two allegations of Sexual Abuse were substantiated on a program therapist after that therapist engaged in a sexual relationship with two different youth, including aiding one of the youth in running from the program and harboring this youth for several days. Three allegations of Neglect were also substantiated after the therapist failed to provide three youth with the services expected, which included providing the youth with pornography.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: The identified therapist was suspended from work by Looking Glass due to work performance issues prior to the allegations of sex abuse and neglect coming to light. Her employment was terminated while she was on suspension.	
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Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CCA190075 One Allegation	Lifeways	04/30/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Wrongful Restraint was substantiated on a specific staff after this staff initiated an unwarranted, unjustified physical intervention. This staff is witnessed on video forcefully pushing the youth against a wall in the “safe room”.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Following the incident, the identified employee was placed on restricted duty, barred from implementing or participating in any physical interventions and directed to check in each shift with the program’s Clinical Director. When the investigation substantiated the allegation of wrongful restraint, the employee transferred to a position in a different location within the larger organization that’s not covered by the agency’s child-caring agency license and doesn’t involve direct care to children.	
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Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CCA190111 One Allegation	Douglas County Juvenile Dept	06/21/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Neglect against a specific staff when that staff failed to intervene when a youth was physically injured by several peers. There were prior concerns this youth was being targeted and bullied by his peers.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: The identified employee voluntarily ended his employment at Douglas when the neglect was reported.	
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Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CCA190121 One Allegation	Trillium-Children's Farm Home	06/30/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Neglect was substantiated against an unknown staff after a seatbelt cutter was left out on a desk in a staff office and a youth was able to access the office and self-harmed		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Trillium has confirmed all staff have been trained on the sharps protocols and policies. Following this incident Trillium informed the Department that, "Seatbelt cutters are available in our residential units as safety measures in the event that clients tie items around their necks that are difficult to remove and are at risk of asphyxiation as a result. Therefore, seatbelt cutters are not considered to be "sharps" in the context of the sharps protocols and are purposely meant to be easily obtained in the case of emergency." To both ensure easy access of the seatbelt cutter to staff and restrict access to children Trillium now maintains quick accessibility to staff and keeps the tool out of plain sight.	
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Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CCA190124 One Allegation	Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc.	07/04/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Wrongful Restraint was substantiated against proctor parent who physically intervened with a youth multiple times while power struggling with this youth. The program does not allow physical interventions.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Greater OR Behavioral Health Inc. (GOBHI), the local Child Welfare office and the identified youth feel that it's in the youth's best interest to remain in the home because of the youth's connection with the care-givers and her overall progress while in the placement. GOBHI is working closely with the foster parents to ensure safety and adherence to a trauma-informed approach to addressing the youth's behaviors. The foster parent is appealing the finding of wrongful restraint. Licensing will ensure that GOBHI initiates a new background check and fitness determination by the DHS Background Check Unit if the foster parent's appeal is unsuccessful.	
Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CCA190128 One Allegation	Family Solutions	07/24/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Physical Abuse (Willful Infliction of Pain or Injury) was substantiated against a specific staff after that staff was witnessed shoving a youth up against a wall in a hallway and yelling at him while the youth was slowly walking to his classroom. Witnesses heard the youth express pain when hitting the wall.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Family Solutions placed the identified employee on administrative leave following the incident, and his employment was terminated when the investigation substantiated the allegation of physical abuse.	

Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CCA190133 One Allegation	Kairos-Cadenza House	08/05/2019	No
<p>Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative:</p> <p>One allegation of Verbal Abuse was substantiated against a specific staff after that staff threatened to physically injure the youth while driving a car with a second staff and another youth. The youth expressed feeling afraid for their safety believing the staff would act on the threats. The staff also stopped the car, opened the door and told the youth to get out and walk home, however the youth did not exit the vehicle.</p>		<p>Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome:</p> <p>Kairos placed the identified employee on administrative leave immediately following the incident. His employment was terminated shortly thereafter.</p>	

Related to Child Welfare certified foster care and relative caregiver providers: Information provided in this report contains:

- The number of allegations (children) for each report and type of allegation (Neglect, Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, and Threat of Harm);
- Name of the county (provided that there are five or more certified foster homes in the county) where DHS conducted an investigation pursuant to section 37, chapter 106, Oregon Laws 2016;
- The approximate date the abuse occurred;
- The nature of the abuse and a brief narrative description of the abuse that occurred;
- Whether physical injury, sexual abuse or death resulted from the abuse; and
- Actions the Department has taken following the substantiated findings.

Time Period: Child Welfare certified foster home abuse reports substantiated from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. Reports may have been received prior to the reporting period.

Summary: 29 reports were substantiated on Child Welfare certified foster parents, including certified relative caregivers.

Note: There were approximately 3,863 Child Welfare certified family foster and relative care providers on September 30, 2019.

Explanation of terms: All applicants who apply to become a foster or relative caregiver family for Child Welfare must be assessed and certified under the same set of rules and procedures.

There are 2 types of certificates:

- *General Certificate of Approval:* Issued to individuals who do not have a previous relationship with a child in care and are applying to become foster parents for the general foster child/young adult population.
 - *Child Specific Certificate of Approval:* Issued to individuals to provide care for a specific child/young adult, including relatives of the child/young adult or others who know the child or family of the child needing placement.
- *ICPC (Inter State Compact for the Placement of Children):* A case where a state requests Child Welfare

assess and certify a home for placement of a specific child from their state.

- *Inactive referral status*: A designation given to a foster home or relative caregiver home where no additional children may be placed in the home.

Review process when there is an allegation of abuse in a child welfare certified foster or relative caregiver home:

Field offices are required to submit a “Sensitive Issue Memo” each time there is an allegation of abuse in a Child Welfare certified home. The memo is sent electronically to management/leadership of the Department as well as program staff.

Field office are required Oregon Administrative Rule and Child Welfare Procedure which requires for all concerns (allegations of abuse, closed at screenings, or other concerns) a staffing occur. This staffing involves certification staff, CPS staff, and casework staff for each child placed in the home. Concerns/allegations are discussed and a plan is developed.

When there is an assessment of abuse in a foster home, the home is placed on “inactive referral status” and no additional children may be placed in the home.

1. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3189121/ Neglect (6), Physical Abuse (3)	Multnomah	7/16/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster parents restrained a foster child on multiple occasions, holding her down on the ground and pressing on her back. Foster parent also hit one of the foster children on the back of her head while he had her pinned to the ground. The foster parents also confined the children in their rooms and did not allow them to come out until they (the foster parents) were ready.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Children were moved from home, certification is being staffed for revocation.	
2. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3190076/ Threat Of Harm (1)	Deschutes	7/19/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent (grandfather) sexually abused his stepdaughter when she was between the ages of 7 and 9 years old. Grandfather determined to be threat of harm to grandson (foster child).		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child was moved from the home, certification closed.	
3. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3167311/ Physical Abuse (1)	Columbia	5/18/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent (grandmother) slapped foster child across the face when the child's behavior was escalating.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child was moved from the home, certification closed.	
4. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3193924/ Neglect (2)	Crook	8/1/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent (grandmother) was allowing the children's parents to have unsupervised, overnight visits with the children. She was also using methamphetamine with the parents.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child was moved from the home, legal process of revocation in process.	

5. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3163184/ Neglect (2), Physical Abuse (1)	Harney	5/9/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent (grandmother) left foster child unattended for an unknown period of time. Foster parent also grabbed the other child by the arm, leaving a bruise on her arm that was consistent with fingerprints.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child was moved from home, certification closed.	
6. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3158776/ Neglect (1)	Jackson	4/30/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster parent restrained foster child on the bed by pinning her arms down, indicating the child was talking back and not listening. In addition, after the child informed the foster parent, she wanted to talk to her DHS caseworker about the abuse, the foster parent belittled and badgered her.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child was moved from home, certification closed.	
7. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3129128/ Neglect (3), Mental Injury (1)	Coos	2/14/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: DHS foster parent failed to provide adequate supervision of a foster child by allowing her to administer her own psychiatric medications. The foster parents also provide relative foster care for their granddaughter. The relative provider (grandfather) made degrading statements to the foster child, resulting in mental injury.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: No foster children remain in the home. The foster parents are in the process of appealing the founded disposition. The home remains on inactive status (no children may be placed in the home) pending the disposition review. Certification actions will be staffed after the review.	
8. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?

3162849/ Neglect (3)	Lane	5/9/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent (grandmother) locked the foster children in their room and left the children in the care of a babysitter so she could sleep. The babysitter was unable to gain access to the children and the key to unlock them from the room.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Children were moved from home, certification is closed.	
9. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3100571/ Physical Abuse (1)	Curry	11/26/2018	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent (grandmother) spanked the foster child as a form of discipline on multiple occasions.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child was moved from home, certification closed.	
10. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3183811/ Neglect (2)	Deschutes	6/26/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster mother (other) engaged in an altercation with the children's grandmother, throwing a baby gate in the presence of the children. The two further engaged in screaming profanities in the presence of the children.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Children were moved from the home, certification closed.	
11. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3078233/ Neglect (2)	Coos	10/2/2018	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster parents did not secure foster child's psychiatric medications and allowed her to self-administer. The child overdosed and was hospitalized as a result.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child moved from home, certification closed.	
12. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3179301/ Neglect (1)	Lane	6/13/2019	No

Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative:		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome:	
Relative foster parent (grandmother) allowed the violent sibling of foster child in the home which resulted in the sibling stabbing his uncle in the presence of the foster child. The foster parent failed to contact LEA until after she removed the foster child and the foster child's sibling from the home and refused to give the agency information regarding their whereabouts.		Child moved from home, certification closed.	
13. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3127393/ Sexual Abuse (1), Threat Of Harm (5)	Jackson	2/11/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative:		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome:	
Foster parent sexually abused a foster child on multiple occasions. The foster parent had unrestricted access and unsupervised contact with the other foster children in the home.		Child moved from home, certification closed.	
14. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3136653/ Threat of Harm (2)	Multnomah	3/4/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative:		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome:	
Threat of harm to foster children after foster parent's biological child ingested prescription medication that was not properly secured.		Child moved from home, certification closed.	
15. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3151834/ Sexual Abuse (4)	Lane	4/15/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative:		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome:	
Former foster child made disclosures regarding sexual abuse he himself had perpetrated towards other foster children in the home. The foster parents were unaware of the seriousness of the child's behavior and had taken significant measures in providing close supervision to all children in the home.		No allegation against foster parent	

16. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3148907/ Sexual Abuse (1)	Washington	4/8/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster father sexually abused former foster child while she was in his care. The child was a prior victim of sexual abuse and the foster father emotionally manipulated the child in order to continue to sexually abuse her.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: All foster children moved from home, revocation of certification in process.	
17. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3158009/ Physical Abuse (1)	Columbia	4/29/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster mother utilized spanking to discipline the foster child, causing the child pain.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child moved from home, certification closed.	
18. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3179350/ Physical Abuse (1)	Umatilla	6/14/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent (grandmother) disciplined the foster child by hitting her on the back of the knee with her cane, resulting in bruising.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child moved from home, certification closed.	
19. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3157964/ Threat of Harm (1)	Multnomah	4/29/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Threat of harm to foster child after it was determined that the foster mother engaged in excessive physical discipline of other non-foster children in the home, including hitting, punching and spanking.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child moved from home, certification closed.	
20. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3126215/ Threat Of Harm(3)	Multnomah	2/7/2019	No

Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Adult child of foster parent sexually abused an unrelated child while having ongoing contact with foster children in the home, placing them at risk of harm.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Founded (threat of harm) on adult child of foster parent, no founded allegation against foster parent. Home remains open, adult daughter not allowed contact with any foster child.	
21. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3136771/ Neglect (6), Sexual Abuse (1), Threat Of Harm (1)	Linn	3/5/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster mother walked in on adult foster child and foster father actively engaged in sexual activity. Foster mother began yelling, waking all other children in the home, threatened to take and crash the foster father's truck and failed to inform the agency of what she observed for several days.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child moved from home, staffing for revocation.	
22. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3119235/ Sexual Abuse (1)	Washington	1/23/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster father sexually abused foster child including inappropriate kissing, hugging, squeezing the child's breasts and buttocks, massages and making provocative statements regarding her body.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Foster children moved from home, staffing for revocation.	
23. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3164641/ Neglect (1), Physical Abuse (2)	Clackamas	5/10/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster parent grabbed the foster child by the arm and pulled him, resulting in an injury to his arm. The child also disclosed another similar instance and had healing scratch marks on his arm. The foster parent would also tell the child she did not care about him and that DHS would move him if his behavior in school did not improve and that he would not be allowed to see his aunt.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child was moved from home, revocation in process.	

24. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3183167/ Neglect (1), Sexual Abuse (1)	Douglas	6/25/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Adult, former foster child, disclosed sexual assault and rape by the foster father beginning when she was in the 3rd or 4th grade and continuing through the 9th grade.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Revocation in process.	
25. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3157126/ Neglect (2)	Multnomah	4/26/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster parent was administering melatonin and Advil PM to foster children with the intention of sedating them in order to prevent them from engaging in problematic behavior during the night.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: No children remain in home, certification is closed.	
26. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3172093/ Neglect (2)	Douglas	5/29/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Foster parent left child in the car for approximately 32 minutes in 75-degree weather causing dehydration.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child moved from home, certification closed.	
27. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3131215/ Sexual Abuse (1)	Multnomah	2/19/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Child disclosed historical sexual abuse by biological son of foster parents. The abuse began when the child was age 7 and continued for approximately 4 years.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: The now adult son is currently in the military. Law enforcement involved. One foster child remains in the home, there is clear expectations that if the son returns to the area, he cannot have any contact with any foster child placed in the home.	

28. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3191698/ Physical Abuse (1)	Deschutes	7/25/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Relative foster parent grabbed child by the ear and pushed him to the ground several times, inflicting physical pain.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Children were moved from home, certification closed.	
29. Report/ Allegation (Number of Children)	County	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
3175491/ Neglect (1), Physical Abuse (1)	Lane	6/6/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Nonverbal foster child presented with bruising on her head, neck, ear, buttocks and thighs. The foster parent reported the child was tantruming, however the bruising was not consistent with self-inflicted/tantrum behavior. The foster mother admitted to "touching" and "grabbing" the child in attempt to stop the tantrum. Additionally, the child had bite marks on her ear caused by another child that left lasting injury.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Child moved from home. No foster children remain in the home. The foster parents have indicated they are appealing the founded disposition. The home remains on inactive status (no children may be placed in the home) pending the disposition review. Certification actions will be staffed after the review.	

Related to Developmental Disabilities certified foster care:

During this reporting period, there were no substantiated reports in ODDS certified foster care.

Related to developmental disabilities (Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) licensed group homes). Information provided in this report contains:

- The name of any child-caring agency or proctor foster home, certified foster home or developmental disabilities residential facility 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;
- The approximate date the abuse occurred;
- The nature of the abuse and a brief narrative description of the abuse that occurred;
- Whether physical injury, sexual abuse or death resulted from the abuse; and
- Corrective actions taken or ordered by the DHS and the outcome of the corrective actions

Time Period: CDD/SC Abuse Reports Closed from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

Summary: 5 Office of Training, Investigations and Safety (OTIS) (formerly known as the Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations (OAPPI) investigations with 8 substantiated allegations.

Explanation of terms:

- OTIS is responsible for investigating allegations of abuse or neglect in a child-caring agency, proctor foster home, or developmental disabilities residential facility. Child Welfare is responsible for investigating allegations of abuse or neglect in certified foster homes.
- Reports beginning with ‘CDD’ were investigations conducted in a developmental disabilities residential facility.
- Reports beginning with ‘SC’ were investigations conducted in a Stabilization and Crisis Unit home licensed for children.
- The outcome of the following reports could change upon appeal.

Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CDD19026 One Allegation	Partnerships in Community Living	05/03/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Physical Abuse was substantiated against a specific staff after a youth was found to have injuries, including an abrasion on her chin and residual bruising on the back of her neck, after being in the care of that staff. The youth was unable to provide information as to how the injuries occurred due to her limited communication skills however based on witness statements, photographs and medical consultation it was determined the injuries were the result of physical abuse.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: The staff was immediately suspended and then terminated. Civil penalty issued in the amount of \$500.	
Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CDD19028 Four Allegations	Albertina Kerr Centers	05/12/2019	Yes
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: Two allegations of Physical Abuse and two allegations of Wrongful Restraint were substantiated on two staff after the staff placed a youth in a physical intervention that was inconsistent with OIS. Both staff were unable to articulate what an approved OIS hold looks like or how they were trained to utilize said holds. The youth also presented with bruising to his face and patterned bruising to his arms. Upon being evaluated by CARES NW was the injuries were deemed “highly concerning for physical abuse.”		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: Both staff were immediately suspended and then terminated. Civil penalty issued in the amount of \$2,000	
Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CDD19031 One Allegation	Albertina Kerr Centers	06/03/2019	No

Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Neglect was substantiated against a specific staff after the staff (management) failed to have the staff office door repaired for several weeks or take protective measures to ensure youth could not access the office while the door was in disrepair. A youth entered the office and ingested several pills leading to the youth being hospitalized.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: The door and locks were repaired, staff were instructed to carry the keys rather than store them in a desk. The Program Manager was demoted and transferred to another program and later terminated. Civil penalty issued in the amount of \$500	
Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CDD19034 One Allegation	Albertina Kerr Centers	06/14/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Neglect was substantiated against a specific staff after that staff failed follow the youth's missing person protocol or take any action whatsoever, leaving her unsupervised in the community for several hours. The 12-year-old youth is highly vulnerable and was with peers in unsafe situations for several hours.		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: All staff in the group home were retrained on children's run protocols. The staff no longer works for the agency. Civil penalty issued in the amount of \$500	
Report/ Allegation	Provider	Approximate Date Abuse Occurred	Did physical injury, sexual abuse or death result?
CDD19044 One Allegation	Albertina Kerr Centers	08/06/2019	No
Nature of Abuse and Brief Narrative: One allegation of Verbal Abuse was substantiated against a specific staff after the staff was witnessed threatening a youth with physical violence. The youth expressed fear and is said by his therapist to be "greatly impacted by the staff working with him."		Corrective Actions Taken or Ordered by the Department, and Outcome: The staff was immediately suspended and then terminated. No civil penalty issued.	