NOTICE: NO PUBLIC CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REGISTRY IN OKLAHOMA

May 2017

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Request for Child Abuse and Neglect Information System Search

We are in receipt of your request seeking Child Abuse and Neglect Registry information regarding previous residents of the State of Oklahoma who are prospective foster or adoptive parents or other adults in the household who now reside in your State.

Please be advised that the State of Oklahoma does not maintain a public Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Registry. As you may be aware, if a State does not maintain a CAN registry, the State is not required by section 471(a)(20)(C)(i) of the Act1 to provide information to a requesting State or check further for child abuse and neglect information within the State on the prospective adoptive parent, foster parent or other adult living in the home.

The requirement in section 471(a)(20)(C)(i) of the Act to request a check for CAN registry information in another State in which the prospective parent or other adult has resided in the preceding five (5) years is inapplicable if that other State does not maintain a child abuse and neglect registry.

Once a State has verified that another State does not maintain a CAN registry, the requesting State is not required to keep making requests to that State to make a registry check.

States that do not maintain a CAN registry are not required by section 471(a)(20)(C)(ii) of the Act to provide child abuse and neglect information to a requesting State on adult members of a prospective foster or adoptive parent’s home.2

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1 References to the “Act” are the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 671
2 The above referenced text is from the Federal Child Welfare Policy Manual, Title IV-E Section at 8.4F

DISCLAIMER
The information referenced herein is, to our knowledge, true and correct. However, neither the State of Oklahoma nor the OK Department of Human Services, nor any employee thereof, assumes any liability for incomplete or erroneous information.
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are in receipt of your request for Oklahoma child abuse and neglect information for the individual you have noted.

Oklahoma does not have a public child abuse registry. Oklahoma State Statutes are very specific as to what Child Welfare Services information maintained by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services can be released. Such records may only be made available when a current child abuse and neglect investigation is being conducted on an individual(s) by a child protective services agency, a district attorney’s office, or a public law enforcement agency. Otherwise a court order rendered in Oklahoma is required for release of child abuse and neglect information.

We regret that we will not be able to provide the information you requested. You may contact the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) to check criminal history in Oklahoma. They can be reached at 405-848-6724. Other websites to look up public court records in Oklahoma are www.oscn.net and www.odcr.com If there are further questions, please contact me at the number below or our legal department at 405-521-3638.

Sincerely,

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