

March 27, 2024

Secretary of the Senate
Capitol Building, Room 401
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530, et seq.)
Report of a Loss of Protected Personal Information

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 25 of the Personal Information Protection Act, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) submits this report of a breach of written material.

On March 11, 2024, a DCFS caseworker released records in response to a request from the mother's representative that mistakenly included confidential information other parties that were not covered by the release of information. We have contacted the recipient who has confirmed that they have deleted/destroyed the records. The documents contained the name, substance abuse information, medical and mental health information, as well as information having to do with LEADS and CANTS checks. The number of individuals involved in this breach is five ("5").

DCFS sincerely regrets this incident. DCFS has contacted the affected individuals and provided them with information about credit monitoring services and other ways to protect their identity.

Sincerely,



Heidi E. Mueller
Director
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services