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The Honorable Betty Boyd, Chair
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203-1776

The Honorable Ken Summers, Chair
House Health and Environment Committee
200 East Colfax Avenue
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Dear Senator Boyd and Representative Summers:

Please find attached the annual report concerning Colorado's child care resource and referral system. Per C.R.S. 26-6-116(2), this report contains information related to resource and referral services provided to Colorado's families and child care providers through a contract with Qualistar Colorado. Details of the report include the qualifications of Qualistar Colorado to administer the child care resource and referral system, the types of services being provided, the costs associated with those services and the number and types of persons receiving those services.

Please contact Scott Raun, Early Childhood Systems Supervisor at scott.raun@state.co.us, 303.866.6023, for any additional information about this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reggie Bicha', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Reggie Bicha
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Enclosure

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**Report to the Colorado State
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
and
House Health and Environment Committee
Concerning
Child Care Resource and Referral System in Colorado
Per CRS 26-6-116**

December 2010

The State of Colorado, through the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care, currently contracts with Qualistar Colorado to provide for the administration and oversight of a statewide child care resource and referral system for Colorado's families and child care providers. Qualistar Colorado has been providing child care resource and referral services in the state for 20 years, originally as the Colorado Office of Resource and Referral Agencies (CORRA). Qualistar Colorado is a member of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

Qualistar Colorado provides several different services to the State of Colorado as part of its work with the Division of Child Care. In addition to its work administering and coordinating the 17 regional child care resource and referral agencies located throughout the state, Qualistar Colorado also administers the TEACH Scholarship program for child care professionals; provides ratings to child care facilities using its proprietary Qualistar Colorado 4-Star Rating System; improves the health practices of child care facilities via the Child Care Health and Safety Nurse Consultant project; and conducts a biennial Market Rate Survey of fees charged by child care facilities on behalf of the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP as required by the Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant.

Qualistar Colorado Resource and Referral Budget for FY 2009-10

Services	Cost
Child Care Resource and Referral	\$ 1,103,815
Child Care Health & Safety Nurse Consultant	\$ 129,240
TEACH Scholarship	\$ 670,000
Total	\$1,903,055

FY2009-10 total includes \$921,236 American Recover and Reinvestment Act funding.

Qualistar Colorado Services

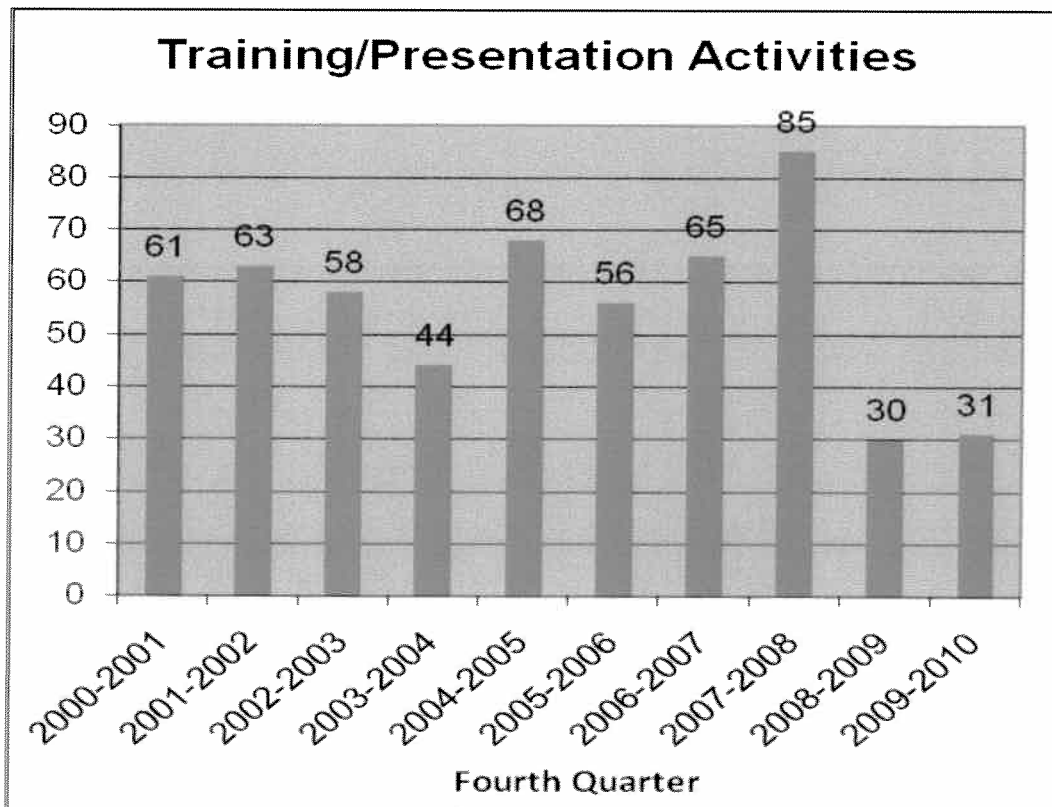
Child Care Resource and Referral

Telephone Referrals	
Number of Telephone Referral Users FY 2009-2010:	7,988
FY 2009-2010 Telephone Referrals:	2,268 total referrals
Internet Users	
Number of Internet Referral Users FY 2009-2010:	11,828
FY 2009 - 2010 Internet Referral Users and Searches	15,773 total searches

Enhanced Child Care Referrals

	FY 2009-10 Qtr 1	FY 2009-10 Qtr 3	FY 2009-10 Qtr 3	FY 2009-10 Qtr 4
Special Needs Referrals	76	46	47	65
Other Enhanced Referrals	594	494	371	327
Total Special Needs/Enhanced	670	540	418	392

Child Care Health and Safety Nurse Consultant Program



The above graph represents the total number of activities annually of the Child Care Health and Safety Nurse Consultant program to date. The decrease in activities in the last two years are a result of funding decreases.

TEACH Scholarship Program

	FY 2009-10
# Recipients attending summer courses	102
# Credits enrolled summer semester	428
# Colleges attended summer semester	16
Combined GPA for spring semester	3.7

Counties and Number of TEACH Scholarship Recipients

<u>County</u>	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Recipients</u>
Adams	34	Jefferson	29
Arapahoe	29	Lake	5
Baca	2	Larimer	14
Boulder	14	Las Animas	1
Broomfield	4	Mesa	5
Chaffee	1	Montrose	1
Denver	24	Morgan	4
Douglas	5	Pitkin	20
Eagle	11	Pueblo	2
El Paso	14	Rio Blanco	1
Elbert	2	Rio Grande	2
Fremont	1	Summit	1
Garfield	13	Teller	1
Grand	5	Weld	12